



When Angels Speak

An Angelic Call to Worship

Luke 2:1-20

I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of **many angels**, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
¹² saying with a **loud voice**,
“Worthy is the Lamb...”

Revelation 5:11-12

Angelic Encounters	Angelic Message	Response
Mary	Jesus is worthy of SERVICE	<p>“I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” – Luke 1:38</p>
Joseph	Jesus is worthy of OBEDIENCE	<p><i>Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.</i> – Matthew 1:24</p>
Shepherds	Jesus is worthy of WORSHIP	<p><i>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.</i> –Luke 2:20</p>

And suddenly there was with the angel
a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God...

Luke 2:13

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= worshipping Christ.**

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1) Weekly worship

Begins January 7

GOOD TO GREAT

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

“All the articles of our religion, all the canons of our church, all the injunctions of our princes, all the homilies of our fathers, all the body of divinity, is in these three chapters, in this one Sermon on the Mount.”

—John Donne, in 1629

"The Sermon on the Mount pleases me most...
its sweetest passage has been often on my lips."
– Gandhi

"The Sermon on the Mount is the last word of the
Christian religion and contains all that Christianity
demands."
– Leo Tolstoy

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- 3) At Home worship**

At Home Worship

December 31st | No In-Person Gatherings

Pick up an At Home Worship Kit in the Gallery

**Two ways the angels inspire us to “Christmas”
(worship Jesus)**

- 1) Christmas isn't about
the MATERIAL,
it's about the MESSAGE.**

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you **good news** [εὐαγγελίζω (euangelizō)] of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11



**The Message of Christmas is
ENDEARING and ENDURING:**

**I bring good news of great joy...
Luke 2:10**







The Message of Christmas is
INCLUSIVE and ENCOMPASSING:

I bring good news of great joy...
...for all people”
Luke 2:10

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS









Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?



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Luke 2:11

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1) Christmas isn't about the MATERIAL,
it's about the MESSAGE.

**2) Christmas isn't about ME,
it's about US.**

And suddenly there was **with the angel**
a multitude of the heavenly host praising
God and saying,
¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and **on earth peace among those with**
whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:13-14

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

“Peace I leave with you; **my peace I give to you.** Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

John 14:27

May the God of **peace be with you all.**

Romans 15:33

**“...good news of great joy that will be
for all the people... on earth peace...”**

Luke 2:10,14

The World at War in 2023

Countries in which armed clashes between state forces and/or rebels were reported in 2023



32 Countries
presently at war

Fact

- **200 countries in the world**
- **40 countries don't acknowledge Christmas as a holiday.**
- **18 have banned the message of the Prince of peace outright.**

Christmas Offering

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NORTHWEST ARKANSAS





SEND RELIEF PARTNERS

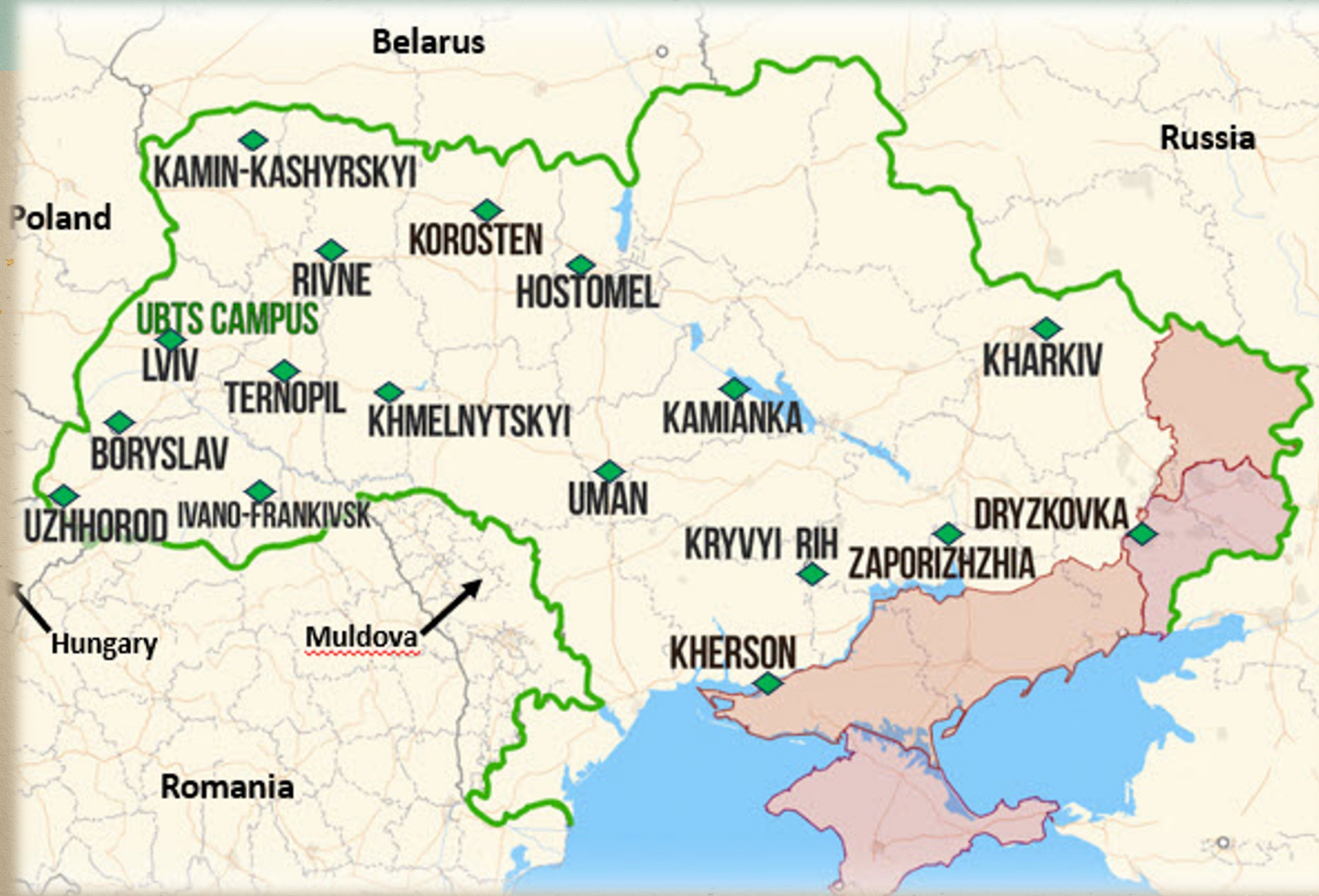
Israel/Middle East

WE CARE CENTERS

Ukraine



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Locations

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Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Thomas Ken