A close-up photograph of a rustic wooden manger, likely a nativity scene prop. The manger is made of dark wood with vertical slats and is filled with dry straw. It sits on a coarse, light-brown burlap fabric. The background is a warm, out-of-focus wooden surface. The text 'Miraculous Births' is overlaid in a large, elegant, white script font with a subtle drop shadow.

Miraculous Births

Humanity

John 3:16-19

*For God so loved the world that he
gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall
not perish but have eternal life.*

*God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.
Whoever believes in him
is not condemned,*

*but whoever does not believe
stands condemned already
because they have not believed in the
name of God's one and only Son.*

*This is the verdict:
Light has come into the world,
but people loved darkness instead of light
because their deeds were evil.*

Genesis 1:25-30 NRSV

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.


Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

*So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

- Genesis 1:25-30

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

- Genesis 1:25-30

A close-up photograph of a wooden manger, likely a nativity scene prop. The manger is made of dark wood with vertical slats and is filled with dry straw and hay. It sits on a rough, textured surface, possibly a piece of burlap or a wooden floor. The background is a warm, out-of-focus wooden wall. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a cozy and rustic atmosphere.

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Adventus (latin) = advent (english) = coming

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- Genesis 1:26

An image is something physical and visible

“Human beings are the kind of entity God would be if God were earthly. God could hardly have become a horse; horses were not made in God’s image. Human beings were made God-like, so it was not so unnatural for God to become a human being.”

- John Goldingay, Genesis for Everyone

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- Genesis 1:28-31