

*The Baby Who
Threatens the World*

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Guido Reni, "The Adoration of the Shepherds," ca. 1640, oil on canvas

Beautiful and Essential

- “The mystery of Christ, that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding.” [Martin Luther]
- “The central miracle asserted by Christians is the Incarnation. They say that God became Man. Every other miracle prepares for this, or exhibits this, or results from this.” [C.S. Lewis, *Miracles* (New York: Macmillan), ©1960, p. 108]

Matthew 2:13 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

Matthew 21:23

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Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

This Baby Poses a Threat

If Jesus is who he says he is, from the very being of God with all attendant authority, then he is a threat to every established human institution: political, economic, educational, and religious



Only Love Can Save Us

As long as the baby Jesus stays in the manger, no one will be offended by him or by Christmas. But what if he — and his love — get out, get loose in the world?

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