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And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

Luke 9:58

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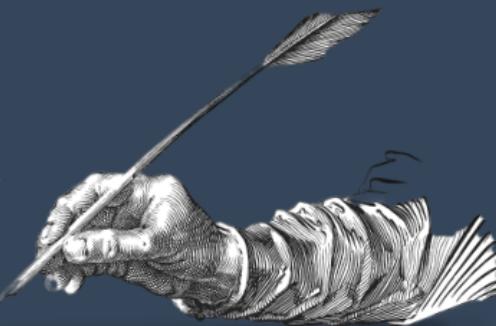
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## Born to a simple family in poverty (Luke 2:1-7; 21-24)

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Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. 2 This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, 5 in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. 6 While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

# Fulfilled Prophecies

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1. The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
2. Messiah would come from a line of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16)
3. The Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10)
4. The Messiah Would Appear During the Fourth World Empire (Daniel 2:44)



The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Proverbs 21:1

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For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,  
And like a root out of parched ground; He has no  
stately form or majesty That we should look upon  
Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted  
to Him.

Isaiah 53:2

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21 And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”



"The wisest life is the simplest one, lived in the fulfillment of only the basic requirements of life: shelter, food, covering, and a bed. And even these can become productive of other needs if one does not heed. Be on guard, my soul, of complicating your environment so that you have neither time nor room for growth."

- Jim Elliot

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Trust in  
God's  
perfect  
timing

Obey  
Faithfully

Live a simple  
life

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# The announcement to the despised Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20

# The Shepherd's response (Luke 2:8-14)

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8 In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there appeared 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 men with whom He is pleased.”

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# The Shepherd's response (Luke 2:15-20)

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15 When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. 17 When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.





# Held by the Elderly and Widow

Luke 2:25-38



## Simeon:

- Righteous and Devout (Luke 2:25)
- Longing to see Christ (Luke 2:25)
- Filled with the Spirit (Luke 2:26-28)
- Overflowing with praise and gratitude (Luke 2:29-32)
- Finds peace and salvation in Christ (Luke 2:29-30)
- Prophetic word to Mary (Luke 2:34-35)

## Anna the Prophetess (Luke 2:36-38)

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36 And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. 38 At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.



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