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# THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Matthew 1 and Luke 2, NIV

*JESUS CHRIST*

*Birth*

**This is how the birth of  
Jesus Christ came about.**

***His mother Mary was pledged  
to be married to Joseph,***

***but before they came together,  
she was found to be with child  
through the Holy Spirit.***

**An angel of the Lord appeared to  
him in a dream and said,**

**"Joseph son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary  
home as your wife,**

**because what is conceived  
is from the Holy Spirit.**

***"She will give birth to a son,  
and you are to give him the name  
Jesus***

***because he will save his people  
from their sins."***



**And there were shepherds living  
out in the fields nearby,  
keeping watch over their flocks  
at night.**

**An angel of the Lord appeared  
to them,**

**and the glory of the Lord shone  
around them,**

**and they were terrified.**

***But the angel said to them,  
"Do not be afraid.***

***I bring you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.***

**"Today in the town of David  
a Savior has been born to you;  
he is Christ the Lord.**

**This will be a sign to you:**

**You will find a baby wrapped in  
strips of cloth and lying  
in a manger."**

***Suddenly a great company of the  
heavenly host***

***appeared with the angel,  
praising God and saying,***

***"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to men  
on whom his favor rests."***