Jesus: God’s Eternal Gift Wed 12/22/21

Luke 1:26-35 (NKJV)

26Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

27to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name *was* Mary.

 28And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored *one,* the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!”

29But when she saw *him,* she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

30Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.

32He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

 33And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

34Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

35And the angel answered and said to her, “*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

# Matthew 1:18-25 (NKJV)

18Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

 19Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man,* and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

 20But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

 21And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

22So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

 23“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

24Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,

 25and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

# Luke 2:1-14 (NKJV)

2 And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

 2This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

3So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

4Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

5to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

6So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

7And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

 9And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

 10Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

11For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

 12And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

13And 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, goodwill toward men!”

# 1 John 4:12-19 (NKJV)

12No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

 13By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world.

15Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

 16And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

 18There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

 19We love Him because He first loved us.