

Born For You

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people:

Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David.

This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough.”

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!

(Luke 2:10–14, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

1. Don’t be Afraid!

“Don’t be afraid...” (Luke 2:10a, HCSB)

“Don’t be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer.” (Luke 1:13, New Living Translation)

“Don’t be afraid, Mary . . . for you have found favor with God!” (Luke 1:30, NLT)

“Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 1:20, NLT)

“...for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people” (Luke 2:10b, HCSB)

2. Great Joy for All People

“Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David.” (Luke 2:11, HCSB)

3. Born for You!

“This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough.”

(Luke 2:12, HCSB)

4. Lying in a Manger

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!

(Luke 2:13–14, HCSB)

5. Peace from Heaven to Earth

We were still his enemies. (Romans 5:10, NLT)

Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. (Romans 3:23, NLT)

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6, NLT)

God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8, NLT)

We have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. (Romans 5:1, NLT)

He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. (Romans 4:25, NLT)

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

(Romans 10:9, NLT)