

## A Christmas Story



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*{Note Wivine: I am 64 years old now. For hundreds of years we celebrated Christmas at home in Belgium on December, 25th. We had a real Christmas tree in the living room that we decorated and we put small gifts for children underneath that they could open on Christmas day. A baby crib and statuettes of Mary and Joseph, shepherds and sheep, a donkey and a cow as well as the three Wise Men were also put under the tree. It was the time where parents and grandparents told children about the birth of Jesus and that he came to the world to tell people about his Father in Heaven and to save us.*

*The Christian Church declared a long time ago that December, 25th would be the day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas was a family fest where old and young gathered to eat and if there were quarrels between them, there was a truce. Unfortunately, I have seen how the Christmas day of my youth had fallen back in recent decades into the pagan practices of yesteryear, long before the emergence of Christianity.*

*Last week, a woman of our group, mother of two young children from the Netherlands, sent me her "Christmas story" that she wanted to read to her children and put on her web blog. It filled me with joy that she had kept this tradition and wanted to tell her children the story of a divine child born so long ago to show us the path to eternal happiness.*

*Two days later Jesus came to me during a meditation and asked me to post it on my Web site with His Message to the children of the world.}*

**Jesus** here: Dear moms, read this story to your children and if they ask how I looked in my time tell them the following: "*Jesus looked like you!*" *He had your skin color, your eyes and your hair. He was like you and loved to play with other children.*

*I will appear to every child that knows me in his dreams in the likeness of this child. I will appear in Africa as an African child, in Asia as an Asian child, in India as a Hindu child and in the Nordic countries as a child of that region. Each of these children will recognize Me and will know I'm Jesus and that I watch over them. »*

To the adults, I say this: I will appear in the same way to everyone who knows and loves me: in your image and likeness. I am a **Creator Son of the Universal Father** and I lived among you as a human being. For me, nothing is impossible.

You spend too much time bickering on the exact date of my birth and my physical appearance of the past. Since when is this so important? For whom and why?

Don't waste your time on that and spread My Message of those days: namely that a **Spark of God** lives in the heart of all children since I walked on your planet.

Thanks to this great gift I gave you the "Kingdom of God" that will appear one day on Earth. It's the redemption I brought you through my life as a human being. Look forward to this, my good people. Continue to celebrate my birth according to your ancestral traditions, continue to honor this day as a day of

**Peace and Brotherhood**

To all Men of Good Will

This is Jesus here and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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It was evening. The sun had almost disappeared. Joseph had not yet returned.

Suddenly Gabriel appeared in the form of a Bright Morning Star to Mary.

When she had recovered from the shock, he said to her:

I come in my Master's name.

Mary, I bring you good news.

You will be the mother of a son whom you will call Jesus.

He will speak to everyone about his Father and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Do not tell anyone what happened to you except to Joseph and your cousin Elizabeth.

Elisabeth also saw me and she will soon have a son too.

His name will be John. John will prepare the way for your son's salvation message for all men.

Your son will spread this great news among all people.

Do not doubt my words, Mary.

Your home is chosen for the child, who will come to earth with this particular assignment.



Mary reflected for weeks on the subject of this visit.

Only when she realized she was pregnant, she dared to talk about these unusual events to her husband. When Joseph had heard everything, he was confused. He could not sleep for nights, but he had great confidence in Mary.

At one point, he was convinced that Mary had really heard the voice of the divine messenger and had seen his stature. Then he started worrying again. He kept thinking how such a thing could exist. How could a child of human parents be a child of divine destiny?

He came with Mary to the conclusion after several weeks that they were chosen to be the parents of the savior whom they had long awaited. When they arrived at this important conclusion, Mary hastened to Elizabeth.

## Josephs dream.

Joseph couldn't get used to the idea that they would become parents of a special child before he had an awesome dream. In this dream, he saw a brilliant celestial messenger who said, among other things:



Joseph, I am instructed to tell you about your son that he will become a great Light in the world.

His life will be the Light of all mankind.

For all who will accept it, he will explain why they are children of God and what their true destiny is in the heavenly worlds.

After this experience, Joseph never doubted the story of the visit of Gabriel to Mary and the promise that the unborn child will speak of the Kingdom of Heaven to all people of good will.

## Joseph and Mary.

As a young man, Joseph went to work with the father of Mary. He helped create an extension to his client's home. When Mary brought Joseph a cup of water during lunch, they got to know each other and later they started dating.

Joseph was a charming man. He was very honest and fully adhered to the rules of faith of his people. He never talked much, he thought a lot. Mary was a cheerful person and had a brilliant mind. Joseph was a thinker and Mary a planner who could carry out his ideas in a convenient and practical way.

Mary mastered weaving very well. She loved to make their home warm. Joseph and Mary were both good parents and they made sure their children got a good education.

Joseph and Mary were married, as was customary at the time with their people, in the house of Mary near Nazareth. Joseph was twenty-one years old and they had been engaged for two years.

Then they moved to their new home in Nazareth, which Joseph had built with the help of two of his brothers. The house was at the foot of higher land with a beautiful view of the landscape of the area. They hoped that their first son would be born in this house, but could not know then that this event, which was so important for the whole universe, would take place in Bethlehem.

Jesus was later to be exceptionally kind and very caring with people like his father. Like his mother, he had a great talent for teaching and an extraordinary sense of justice.

## The journey to Bethlehem

In the month of March of the year 8 BC, Joseph and Mary got married. In the same month, Caesar Augustus decreed that all inhabitants of the Roman Empire were to be counted in relation to tax collection. This was to be done for Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem.

It was only when Mary was heavily pregnant that Joseph decided to register them.

It was not necessary that Mary had to go to Bethlehem to register. Joseph could do it for his family. But Mary was an adventurous and enterprising woman. She was determined to go with her husband. She was afraid of being alone. The child could perhaps be born while Joseph was not present. Because Bethlehem was also not far from the city of Judah, Mary rejoiced to see her relative Elizabeth.

Joseph did not like the idea that Mary would join him, and he told her so but to no avail. Mary packed double the food needed for the journey of three to four days and made sure to be ready.

They left together early on a morning to Bethlehem. Joseph and Mary were poor, and since they had but one donkey, Mary, who was pregnant, could sit on the animal. Joseph walked beside her and held the animal. On their first day, they traveled along the foothills of Mount Gilboa. They camped that night along the Jordan River and discussed their ideas about the character of their soon-to-be born son.

Early in the morning, Joseph and Mary set out again. They ate their lunch at the foot of the Sartaba Mountain which offers a view of the Jordan Valley. They arrived at Jericho in the evening. They spent the night there in an inn on the main road on the outskirts of the city. After dinner, they talked at length about everything they were concerned and then they went to sleep. The next morning, they left and reached Jerusalem before

noon. They visited the temple and then went to Bethlehem, where they arrived in the middle of the afternoon.



The inn was overcrowded and so Joseph sought refuge at distant relatives, but each room was occupied in Bethlehem. When he returned to the inn yard, he heard that caravan stables had been freed and cleaned in order to receive additional guests.

Joseph left the donkey in the yard, took their bags with clothes and supplies on his shoulders and descended with Mary the stone steps to where they were allowed to go to sleep. It was a warehouse space for grain and was in front of the stables and feeders. There were curtains of hanging tents and they were glad that they still found a comfortable stay.

Joseph intended to leave immediately to register as soon as possible, but Mary was tired; she was not quite fit and asked him to stay with her. What he did.

## The birth of Jesus.

All night Mary was restless so that neither of them slept much. In the early morning, they found out that the baby was going to be born soon. And at noon the next day, the son of Joseph and Mary was born! They received a lot of help from friendly fellow travelers.



Baby Jesus was wrapped in the clothes Mary had brought with her and laid in a feeder nearby. When Jesus was born at noon, the Angels sang beautiful songs above the stable of Bethlehem.

The day after the birth of Jesus, Joseph went to register. He met a man whom they had spoken at Jericho. The man took him to a wealthy friend who had a room at the inn, and was ready to exchange with them. That same afternoon they moved upstairs to the hostel, where they stayed for nearly three weeks, until they were given shelter in the home of a distant relative of Joseph. Eventually, they were over a year in Bethlehem, while Joseph occasionally worked as a carpenter.

The day after the 'Three Wise Men' arrived from Ur, who were send by Zacharias from Jerusalem, shepherds and other people arrived also to honor baby Jesus.

A religious teacher had announced to the three wise men in Mesopotamia some time before that he had had a dream in which he was warned that the "Light of Life" was about to appear on earth as a newborn baby. The 'Three Wise Men' went on a trip to find this "Light of life." But they could not find the baby in Jerusalem and nearly returned to Ur when Zacharias met them and told them that Jesus should be the object of their search.

He sent them to Bethlehem where they found the baby and left their gifts with Mary and the baby. The child was nearly three weeks old.

### Herod.

The spies of King Herod brought back the visit of the Wise Men of Ur to Bethlehem. Herod therefore decided to speak to these Wise Men. They told him about a so-called newborn "King," but their explanation that the child was brought into the world by a woman who had come to Bethlehem with her husband to register for the census, didn't make him happy although the Wise Men had explained that his kingdom would be a spiritual kingdom, not a kingdom of this world.

So, he sent them away with a purse, asking them to look for that child, so that he himself could go and honor him. When the Wise Men did not return, Herod didn't trust it anymore. Meanwhile, his spies came back explaining him everything they learned. Fortunately, they had not followed Joseph and Mary.

Herod was very angry with them when they could not tell him where the parents had taken the child. And he sent scouts to find out the whereabouts of Joseph and Mary.

Zachariah and Elizabeth knew in the meantime that Herod pursued the family of Nazareth, and therefore no longer appeared in Bethlehem.

Little baby Jesus was hidden by Joseph's parents and was never found.

This is the beginning of the earthly life of Jesus, who brought the Light into the world and showed every man and woman the path of eternal life.



Christmas card from Ethiopia.

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