

The Story of Jesus

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Jesus Is Born

THE Roman Emperor Augustus ordered all the people under his rule to be counted. Joseph and Mary left their home in Nazareth and traveled to Bethlehem.

So many people had come to be registered that there was no room for them in the inn. Outside the town, on the hills, they found a cave. Here Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in soft clothes and laid Him in a manger.”

Nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared and said: “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy, for today in the town of Bethlehem a Savior has been born. You will find the infant Jesus lying in a manger.”

Other angels appeared. They praised God, saying: “Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests.”

The shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and saw the Baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw Him they told them what the angel had said about this Child. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen.





Jesus Helps Joseph in the Shop

THE Holy Family at Nazareth lived a life of prayer and work. Jesus helped Joseph in the carpenter shop, and when Joseph died He supported His Mother until the age of thirty.

Jesus always showed respect, love, and obedience to His parents. He gave all boys and girls an example of how they must obey and love their parents.

The Gospel says that Jesus grew in wisdom and age and grace before God and men. He was getting ready for the work His Father gave Him to do as our Teacher and Redeemer.

The Holy Family is an example for all Christian families.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem in Triumph

JESUS started for Jerusalem once more. On the way the Apostles brought a donkey. They put their cloaks over her back, and Jesus rode on the donkey into Jerusalem.

Great crowds of people went with Jesus. Some threw their cloaks on the road. Some cut branches from the trees and spread them in His path. All the people shouted: "Blessed is He who comes as King in the name of the Lord!"

This made the enemies of Jesus angry, and they decided to kill Him.

This entry into Jerusalem was a sign of Jesus's desire to rule over the souls of all people as King.





An Angel Announces the Resurrection

EARLY in the morning, Mary Magdalene and some other women carried spices to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. They were wondering who would roll back the heavy stone from the tomb.

When they arrived there, they were very much surprised to see the stone rolled back and an Angel standing before them. The Angel said: "He is not here, for He has risen, as He said He would!"

He told them not to be afraid, but to go tell Peter and others that Jesus had risen from the dead, and that He would see them again.