

Matthew's
CHRISTMAS
STORY



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Matthew 2:1,2

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

Matthew 2:3,4

"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' "

Matthew 2:5,6

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⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way,

Matthew 2:7-9

...and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:9-11

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:12





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Matthew 2:9



Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men.

Daniel 2:48



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Proskyneo

Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and (*proskyneo*) worship me." *Matthew 4:8,9*

"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship (proskyneo) the Lord your God and serve only him.'

Matthew 4:10



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Matthew 1:12



Truly I tell you, among those born of women
there has not risen anyone greater than John the
Baptist;

Matthew 11:11

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

Isaiah 55:8



33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Be anxious for nothing. But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving make your request know to God. **Philippians 4:6**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. [Romans 8:28](#)

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Phillippians 4:6,7

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

Luke 2:14

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 121

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