



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Christmas holds a very special place in the hearts of many the whole world over. A time of festivity, joy, giving, good food and sweet times of fellowship with loved ones and friends. Amidst all the hustle, bustle and excitement, have you ever wondered what is the reason for the season? You have the answer in your hands. Suitable for all ages, The Christmas Book details the miraculous story of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ - the Saviour of the World, the promised Prince of Peace.

This booklet is suitable for all ages. Readers are free to read purely the Scriptures if they so wish. The notes are optional and more suited to teens and above, with the Summary sections more appropriate for children. It is possible to read only the summary sections back to back as one continuous story. This we have envisioned would be most suitable for those wishing to read a brief account of the Nativity story to children. Parts 6 and 7 of this booklet give further explanation of

themes associated with the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. All Scripture quotations are taken from the Authorised (King James) Version of the Bible as we believe it to be the most faithful translation in the English language.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

PART 1. Matthew 1:18-25:

Mary found with child, the angel reassures Joseph, the Child is to be called Jesus.



18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
19. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.
20. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
21. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
22. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
24. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

SUMMARY: By a miracle, Mary, wife of Joseph discovers that she is expecting a baby boy. However, this dear little one is no ordinary child - Mary is carrying God's only begotten Son the Lord Jesus Christ. Later an angel appears to Mary's husband, Joseph, in a dream reassuring him that all will be well and that the child to be born is to be called Jesus. Joseph determines to look after Mary and make sure she is kept safe until the time the baby Jesus is to be delivered.

NOTES: To be found with child in those days outside of wedlock carried great danger. Old Testament Law carried harsh penalties in such cases, and zealous religious leaders at this time still sought to uphold Mosaic law as much as they could despite being under the rule of the Romans. In light of this Joseph sought to keep this revelation private and hide Mary away from public scrutiny. However his fears were soon abated upon the appearing of the angel to him in a dream declaring the miracle of a virgin being found with child. As stated in the passage, the miracle of the Virgin Birth was actually a fulfilment of an Old Testament prophecy given centuries previously (See the 'No Ordinary Man' Section later in this publication). This event in and of itself was a great miracle, but so too was the Person to be born - "Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23). God Himself was to leave the realms of glory and come to earth in the form of the second Person of the Holy Trinity - God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. His purpose? To save His people from their sins. The Bible says, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." (1 Timothy 3:16)

PART 2. Luke 2:1-7:

Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem, Jesus is born in the stable and laid in a manger.



1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

SUMMARY: In order to tax the people of the Roman Empire, Caesar declared that all should return to their home city. With the baby ready to be delivered anytime soon, Mary and Joseph made the long journey from Nazareth to Joseph's home town - Bethlehem. With all the local places to stay filled up during this busy time, little baby Jesus was born in a humble stable and laid in manger. A manger is a feeding trough or rack used to hold food for farm animals.

NOTES: Nazareth to Bethlehem is about a ninety mile journey and it is estimated it would have taken Joseph and his expectant wife around a week on foot/slow paced donkey to reach their destination. With such upheaval caused by Caesar's taxing decree it is little wonder that all the local accommodation was already taken by the time the tired couple arrived in Bethlehem. And so it was, the Saviour of the World, the Prince of Peace was born in the lowliest of surroundings! Such revelations do speak volumes to us about the character of the God of the Bible. Yes, God is the Almighty God, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, but God also delights in the small and seemingly insignificant things of this world. Throughout His ministry here on earth, the Lord Jesus took the time to reach out to the despised and rejected folk around Him. His humble call echoes out to you dear reader today, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

PART 3. Luke 2:8-20:

Angels appear to the shepherds announcing Christ's birth, the shepherds go to Bethlehem.



8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13. And 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, good will toward men.
15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

SUMMARY: As a group of shepherds watched their flocks of sheep by night, an angel came with the good news of the birth of baby Jesus. Upon hearing the tidings of great joy and seeing the heavenly sight of all the angels before them, the shepherds determined to go to Bethlehem and see baby Jesus for themselves. With great excitement the shepherds went on to tell others what they had seen, and soon the good news of Christ's birth began to spread far and wide.

NOTES: Again, the theme of humility and humbleness is seen as the nativity story continues. The first to hear of Christ's birth, and indeed to have a great heavenly host appear before them were not mighty armies and generals or great kings and governments, but instead a group of humble shepherds watching over their flocks by night. We note with interest that it was shepherds who were divinely chosen to be the first to receive the good news of the arrival of the Saviour. The Lord Jesus Himself, during His earthly ministry described Himself as a Shepherd. He explained, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:14-15) In His statement, "I lay down my life for the sheep" Christ referred to His own death on the cross to pay for the sins of His people.

PART 4. Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men travel from the East to Jerusalem and meet King Herod, they are guided by the star to the Saviour and present gifts.



1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
2. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
3. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,
6. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.
7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
11. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
12. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

SUMMARY: After the visit from the shepherds came Wise Men travelling from far away guided by a beautiful bright star in the night sky. Just like the shepherds they too had come to see the Lord Jesus and worship Him. However, not all that sought to see Jesus were seeking His good. A very cruel king called Herod sought the child's life and wanted to use the Wise Men to help him find the child. After meeting Herod the Wise Men did indeed find the Lord Jesus in Bethlehem and presented Him with the precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Later these travellers from a far off distant land were warned by God in a dream not to return to see Herod, and so they instead returned to their homeland making sure to keep well away from the bad king.

NOTES: Tradition is not always an indication that something is right or indeed accurate. Traditionally speaking we hear of the famous 'Three Wise Men' that came from the East to visit the Saviour. However the Bible gives no indication of the number of wise men that came to Bethlehem, only the number of gifts presented being three - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Perhaps many presume that because there were three gifts it therefore must have been three wise men. But there could easily have been more. Traditionally, scenes that depict the nativity show the baby Jesus in the manger with the shepherds and the Wise Men all present at the same time. However, using the Bible as our guide it would seem to be the case that the Wise Men visited the Saviour some time after Christ's birth. The Bible does give us some clues. In the passage regarding the Wise Men (Matthew 2) the Lord Jesus is referred to multiple times as the 'young child' (verse 8, 9, 11) as opposed to the newborn 'babe' the shepherds went to see (see Luke 2:16). Secondly, when the Wise Men make their visit they go 'into the house' to meet the child (verse 11), not the stable with the child laying in a manger. It appears that after Christ was born in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph settled down in the town for a few years until the time they were forced to flee. Another clue we read of later is Herod's decree to kill all 'the children that were in Bethlehem... from two years old and under' (Matthew 2:16) giving a further indication of the age of Saviour at the time of the Wise Men's visit.

The Bible gives no explanation for the choice of gifts presented to the Saviour by the wise men from the East. However, a general understanding of the use of these items in the ancient world and their use in the pages of Scripture itself would indicate the great symbolism they carried. Firstly, gold was the metal of kings, a most precious commodity in all the ages of history. This gift acknowledged Christ as king, and secondly as divine (God) with gold seeing much use in the Old Testament temple (See 1 Kings 6:20-22). Secondly, frankincense was an aromatic gum resin that when burned gave a most strong and beautiful aroma. Throughout the ancient world frankincense was associated with the worship of deity, and its use in worship is seen in the Old Testament temple (see Exodus 30). Thus, Christ was not only acknowledged as king by the Wise Men, but also acknowledged as God in the flesh. The association of frankincense with temple worship and sacrifice also alludes to Christ's own sacrifice for sins on the cross, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (1 Peter 3:18). Finally, myrrh was a fragrant spice derived from the sap of a tree native to the Near East. Myrrh was a key ingredient in the mixture of spices used in the preparation of bodies for burial (see John 19:39-40). Perhaps the wise men intended this gift as an indication of Christ's humanity and the manner in which He would save His people - by dying for them and three days later rising from the dead. "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). In the words of the famous Christmas carol: "Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that men no more my die. Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth" (Hark The Herald Angels Sing, v.2).

PART 5. Matthew 2:13-23

Joseph takes Mary and Jesus and flees to Egypt, Herod seeks to destroy the child, the family returns to Israel after Herod's death.



13. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.
14. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:
15. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.
16. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.
17. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,
18. In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.
19. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
20. Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.
21. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.
22. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:
23. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

SUMMARY: Angry that the wise men had not told him where the young Jesus was, King Herod still sought to take the Child's life. Warned in a dream of the great danger, the young family fled at night into the land of Egypt. There they stayed until it was safe to return home once again to the land of

Israel. Mary, Joseph and Jesus really had faced some great challenges and dangers as we read about the Nativity story in the Bible. However, God looked after them and guided them each step of the way. God can keep and guide you too in this life full of ups and downs. The most important thing is to trust Him with all of your heart - always! God sent Jesus to die on the cross for your sins, and if you trust Him, He can take you to Heaven. Ask Him to forgive you your sins and then put all your trust in Him - today, and every day until the day you die. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

NOTES: The Nativity certainly has many heart warming aspects to it. Visions of angels, dreams and revelations, the baby in the manger, the heavenly host in the night sky, the visiting shepherds, the star in the east and the travelling Wise Men journeying from afar. All of these elements make for quite a story and bring much hope and joy into our lives at Christmas time. However, even this account of the dear Saviour's birth records some rather unpleasant events. Such is reality, and such is the nature of the fallen world we live in. Herod's cruel actions remind us that although there are many good things in this world to be thankful for, we cannot escape the fact that this world is tarnished by evil, pain, sorrow, suffering and tragically death. Unpleasant realities for sure, but oh how they help emphasise the joy of Christmas; for Christ was born in Bethlehem - the Saviour of the world! "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). In the words of the famous Christmas carol: "He came down to earth from Heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall; with the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour Holy" (Once in Royal David's City, v.2).

What happened to the Saviour after the Nativity story? The Bible says concerning the young Jesus, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40). Later when He was, "about thirty years of age" (Luke 3:23) Jesus started His earthly teaching ministry. You can read about this and all that He accomplished in the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John found in the New Testament of the Bible. May the Lord grant you the wisdom and desire to read the word of God for yourself, and may God in His infinite mercy reveal His truth to you in the days ahead. "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31). "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." (Romans 15:4)

PART 6. No Ordinary Man

Did you know that the Old Testament, written centuries before the birth of Christ, actually predicted His arrival, life, death and ministry in great detail? Jesus was no ordinary man. He not only came to this earth as the Saviour of mankind, but also as the fulfilment of prophecies concerning the promised Messiah of the Old Testament. You can see this for yourself by simply comparing the Old Testament predictions concerning the Messiah to the fulfilment of them in the New Testament in the person of Jesus Christ.

Prophecy 1:

Micah 5:2, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

- Jesus fulfilled this prophecy; He was born in Bethlehem (Details can be found in Matthew 2:1).

What is the probability of any person taken at random (over the last several thousand years), being born in Bethlehem?

Prophecy 2:

Zechariah 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

- Jesus Christ fulfilled this prediction when He allowed Himself to be presented as King riding into Jerusalem on a donkey (details can be found in Matthew 21:1-11).

How many people have presented themselves as king to Jerusalem riding a donkey? None that we know of - only Jesus Christ!

Prophecy 3:

Zechariah 11:12, "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver."

- Jesus Christ was betrayed for thirty pieces of silver (details can be found in Matthew 26:15).

How many people (in the last several thousand years) have been betrayed for precisely thirty pieces of silver?

Prophecy 4:

Zechariah 11:13, "And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD."

- After Judas had betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, he tried to give the money back to the chief priests and elders, and then threw it down on the floor of the temple, and went and hanged himself. The priests not wanting to put this 'blood money' into the temple funds came up with the idea of purchasing a piece of land to bury strangers in. And where was the cheapest plot of land for sale? The potter's field! (Details can be found in Matthew 27:3-10).

How many people in history who were betrayed for thirty pieces of silver, had the money given to a potter, and all this takes place inside the temple (The House of the LORD)?

Prophecy 5:

Isaiah 53:7, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Despite numerous opportunities to defend His innocence the Lord Jesus allowed Himself to be found guilty and condemned to death. (Details of this can be found in Matthew 27:11-14).

How many prisoners down through the years of history, accused of a capital crime, made no defence even though innocent?

Prophecy 6:

Isaiah 53:9, "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth."

Jesus was crucified between two criminals just as the Old Testament predicted. However He was later entombed in a rich man's grave; that of Joseph of Arimathea. (Details of this can be found in Matthew 27:38, 57-60)

How many died among the wicked, yet were buried with the rich?

Prophecy 7:

Psalms 22:16, "For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet."

This prediction in Psalm 22 is quite a remarkable statement as this passage was written 700 years before crucifixion had even been invented! (Details of this can be found in Luke 23:33). How many have died by having their hands and feet pierced? Crucifixion was common in the Roman Empire as

well as other parts of the ancient world, but when compared to all the deaths in all of history the odds of suffering death by crucifixion are remote in the extreme.

Prophecy 8:

Psalm 22:18, "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."

Jesus' garments were divided by the Roman soldiers in charge of His crucifixion. The New Testament records that these pieces of cloth were then gambled over to see who would keep each piece. (Details of this can be found in Matthew 27:35).

How many people who have been executed have had their clothes first torn into a number of pieces and then gambled over to see who could keep each piece?

We have considered the probability of an individual fulfilling each of these, but what is the probability of the SAME person fulfilling all eight? In other words, what is the probability of the same individual being born in Bethlehem, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, being betrayed for thirty pieces of silver (with the money then being thrown down in the Temple and later used to buy part of a potter's field), when on trial offering no defence even though innocent, at execution having their hands and feet pierced by a punishment yet to be invented, with garments worn on the day divided and gambled over, being put to death amongst criminals and yet buried with the rich? What are the odds of the same individual fulfilling all of these? This is just a sample of eight Old Testament prophecies concerning the Lord Jesus Christ when in fact the Old Testament contains around three hundred, all interwoven throughout the passages of ancient Scripture!

What does all of this mean? First, the fulfilment of these very specific predictions by the Lord Jesus points to Him being the true Messiah, the One promised by God to deliver His people from their sins. Second, fulfilled prophecy points to the Bible being no ordinary book - but rather of supernatural origin. In other words, such particular and detailed predications could never have been made by mere guess work of men, but rather, such accuracy drives us to conclude that the Author behind the Scriptures is God Himself. The Bible says: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is the book of all books, the book of God, and as such we would be wise to pay particular attention to what it has to say; for within its pages are the words of life, the guidance we need in our earthly journey, and what preparations we need to make for the eternity to come.

PART 7. Why was Jesus born?

One may wonder why Christ was born into the world? John 3:16 encapsulates the entire Christian message in a nutshell, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Christ came into this world because God has not abandoned His fallen creation. Our sin condemns us and if left unchecked, "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Sin is in the world, and sin is in us; therefore we die physically, a very sad and tragic fact of life that we cannot deny or escape from. However, the greater tragedy is our looming spiritual death. The Day of Judgment fast approaches and the cry of God's eternal justice demands our condemnation and righteous punishment in the "the lake of fire. This is the second death" (Revelation 20:14). But, dear reader, the good news is that Christ came into the world that we "should not perish" but instead "have everlasting life". How is this possible? The answer is simple: "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish". God's provision for your salvation is the sacrifice of His Son the Lord Jesus Christ for your sin on the cross, followed by the glorious bodily resurrection of Christ from the grave on the third day. All the work is done, all has been settled, Jesus paid it all! What is left for you to do? The question was asked by a jailer in the New Testament, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). The answer given? "And they said, Believe on the

Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Salvation from sin, death and Hell, and attaining God's gift of everlasting life is not something you can achieve by your own works. Rather salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Will you trust Christ alone for your salvation today? "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19). In the words of the famous Christmas Carol: "How silently, silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in. O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray, cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!" (O Little Town of Bethlehem, v.3, 4)

A Word from the Author

I hope you have found this booklet useful. Christmas is a most precious time and this booklet has been written to help folk remember and consider carefully the reason for the season. Please help spread the truth by forwarding this booklet, either in printed form or the digital version to as many people as you can this Christmas. Consider forwarding the digital version (available for FREE via thelordsworktrust.org website) to your personal contacts. The printed version is also a great way to pass information on perhaps in your local community around the doors, enclosed in Christmas cards, or distributed at evangelistic events and church services. Don't let Christmas become an empty tradition; use the opportunity to tell the world of the miracle of Christ's birth and the good news of the gospel!

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