Birth of Jesus FORETOLD



God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The angel said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."



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The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus."



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"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "Since I am a virgin?"

The <u>angel</u> answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will <u>overshadow</u> you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."



"I am the Lord's <u>servant,</u>" Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.



At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.





When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the <u>baby</u> leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "<u>Blessed</u> are you among women, and blessed is the <u>child</u> you will bear!"

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