

# THE ABSENCE OF GLITZ AND GLAMOUR

LUKE 2:8-14

# LUKE 2

<sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> *This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.*” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace among men with  
whom He is pleased.”

# LUKE 2

<sup>8</sup> In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;

# GENESIS 1

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image**, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

# Blaise Pascal

There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God

# GENESIS 2

<sup>16</sup> The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; <sup>17</sup> but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.**”

3:4 “You will **not** certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

# GENESIS 12

<sup>2</sup> And I will make you a great nation,  
And I will bless you,

And make your name great;  
And so you shall be a blessing;

<sup>3</sup> And I will bless those who bless you,  
And the one who curses you I will  
curse.

And in you all the families of the earth  
will be blessed.”

# JOHN 7

42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from **the descendants of David**, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”

# LUKE 1

<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, **of the descendants of David**; and the virgin's name was **Mary**. <sup>28</sup> And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you."  
<sup>29</sup> But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.

# LUKE 1b

<sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, **you will conceive** in your womb and **bear a son**, and you shall name Him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called **the Son of the Most High**; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

# LUKE 2b

<sup>25</sup> And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

<sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child **Jesus**, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

## LUKE 2c

29 “Now Lord, You are releasing Your  
bond-servant to depart in peace,  
According to Your word;

30 **For my eyes have seen Your  
salvation,**

31 Which You have prepared in the  
presence of all peoples,

32 **A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,  
And the glory of Your people Israel.”**

# MATTHEW 26

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

<sup>27</sup> And when He had **taken a cup** and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup> for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many **for forgiveness of sins**.”

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5

2<sup>1</sup> He made Him who knew no sin *to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Do you want the amazing reality  
of **having a relationship** with the  
Living God?

Do you want to Know God?

# WHAT GOD SAYS TO US:

Rom. 6:<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is **death**, but the free gift of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 1:<sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> **But as many** as received Him, to them He gave the right **to become children of God**, *even* to those who believe in His name,