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Chapters 1:1-4, 2:1-21 OF THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE



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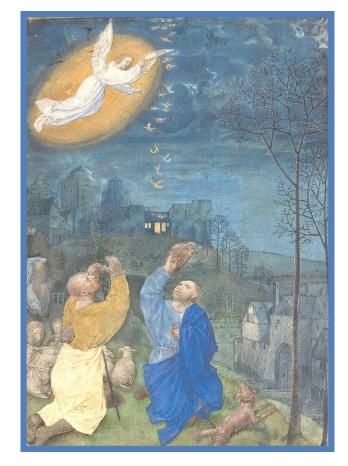
- 1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a narration of the things that have been accomplished among us;
- ² According as they have delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word:
- ³ It seemed good to me also, having diligently attained to all things from the beginning, to write to thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,
- ⁴ That thou mayest know the verity of those words in which thou hast been instructed.

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2 And it came to pass, that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled.

- ²This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria.
- ³ And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city.
- ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David,
- ⁵ To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.
- ⁶ And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered.
- ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
- ⁸ And there were in the same

country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock.



- ⁹ And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared with a great fear.
- ¹⁰ And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring

you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people:

- ¹¹ For, this day, is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.
- ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger.
- ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying:
- ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.
- ¹⁵ And it came to pass, after the angels departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath shewed to us.
- ¹⁶ And they came with haste;

and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

- ¹⁷ And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this Child.
- ¹⁸ And all that heard, wondered; and at those things that were told them by the shepherds.
- ¹⁹But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart.
- ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.
- ²¹ And after eight days were accomplished, that the child should be circumcised, His name was called JESUS, which was called by the angel, before He was conceived in the womb.