

A silhouette of a nativity scene is visible at the bottom of the image. It includes a manger with Mary and baby Jesus, a shepherd with a staff, and three wise men on camels. The background features rolling hills and a starry night sky with a prominent bright star.

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Shepherds, Wise Guys and a King

The Beauty of the Virgin Birth

Luke 1:18-25

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Matthew 1:18-25 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. -

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20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: -

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23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. (ESV)

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The Beauty of the Virgin Birth

I. He is the One who was promised.

A. He is the promised anointed One.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.

- Anointed as priest.

- *Exodus 29:5-7 Then you shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the coat and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breast piece, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod. -*



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- *6 And you shall set the turban on his head and put the holy crown on the turban. 7 You shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.*



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18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.

- Anointed as king.

- *1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward...*



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I. He is the One who was promised.

A. He is the promised anointed One.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.

- Anointed as prophet.

- *Isaiah 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; -*



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- Anointed as prophet.

- *2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;*



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B. He is the promised seed of a woman.

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The Beauty of the Virgin Birth

I. He is the One who was promised.

B. He is the promised seed of a woman.

- He is fully human.

...When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child...

- *Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*



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I. He is the One who was promised.

B. He is the promised seed of a woman.

- He is fully divine.

...found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

- *Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*



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I. He is the One who was promised.

B. He is the promised seed of a woman.

- He is fully divine.

...found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

- *Luke 1:35 ... “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.*



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II. He is the One who saves us.

A. He saves us from our uncertainty.

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B. He saves us through exposing us to the truth.

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B. He saves us through exposing us to the truth.

- *John 8:31-32 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*
- *Ephesians 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,*



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II. He is the One who saves us.

C. He saves us from our sins.

21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

- *Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*



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- *1 Timothy 1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*

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III. He is the One who will never abandon us.

A. He promises to never leave us.

- *Genesis 28:15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”*



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III. He is the One who will never abandon us.

B. He promises to never forsake us.

- *Deuteronomy 31:8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”*

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III. He is the One who will never abandon us.

C. Nothing can separate us from His love.

- *Romans 8:35-38 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. -*



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III. He is the One who will never abandon us.

C. Nothing can separate us from His love.

- *38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



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The Beauty of the Virgin Birth

He is the One who was promised from the very beginning.

He is the One who laid down His life to save us. He is the One who will never abandon us. He will never leave us or forsake us and nothing can separate us from His love.

He is Jesus the Christ. He is the One who saves.

He is Immanuel, God with us!

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