

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Sermon Scriptures

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Luke 1:5-7 **5** ¶ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named **Zacharias**, of the division of Abijah; and he had a **wife** from the daughters of Aaron, and her **name was Elizabeth**. **6** They were **both righteous in the sight of God**, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. **7** **But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren**, and they were **both advanced in years**.

Luke 1:11-20 **11** And **an angel of the Lord appeared to him**, standing to the right of the altar of incense. **12** Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear gripped him. **13** But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and **your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John**. **14** “You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. **15** “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb. **16** “And he **will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God**. **17** “It is he who **will go as a forerunner before Him** in the spirit and power of Elijah, **TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN**, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, **so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**” **18** ¶ Zacharias said to the angel, “How will I know this *for certain*? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years.” **19** The angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you **this good news**. **20** “And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, **because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.**”

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Luke 1:26 -38 **26** ¶ Now in the sixth month **the angel Gabriel** was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, **27 to a virgin engaged to a man** whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and **the virgin’s name was Mary**. **28** And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! **The Lord is with you.**” **29** But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. **30** **The angel said to her**, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. **31** “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and **you shall name Him Jesus**. **32** “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**; **33** and **He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.**” **34** Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” **35** The angel answered and said to her, “**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.**”

36 “And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. **37** “For **nothing will be impossible with God.**” **38** And Mary said, “**Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord;** may it be done to me according to your word.” **And the angel departed from her.**

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Matt. 1:18-25 **18** ¶ Now **the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:** when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together **she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.** **19** And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, **planned to send her away secretly.** **20** But when he had considered this, **behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream,** saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; **for the Child who has been conceived in her is of 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** Now all this took place **to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:** **23** “**BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,**” which translated means, “**GOD WITH US.**” **24** And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and **took Mary as his wife,** **25** but **kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son;** and he called His name Jesus.

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Luke 2:6-20 **6** While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. **Luke 2:7** And **she gave birth to her firstborn son;** and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was **no room for them in the inn.** **8** ¶ In the same region there were **some shepherds staying out in the fields** and keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And **an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them,** and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. **10** 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;** **11** for today in the city of David there **has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.** **12** “This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” **13** And suddenly there appeared with the angel **a multitude of the heavenly host praising God** and saying, **Luke 2:14** “**Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.**” **15** ¶ When the **angels had gone away from them into heaven,** the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” **16** So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. **17** When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. **19** But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** The **shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God** for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Matt. 2:1-12 **1** ¶ Now after **Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea** in the days of Herod the king, **magi from the east arrived** in Jerusalem, saying, **2** “Where is **He who has been born King of the Jews?** For we saw His star in the east and **have come to worship Him.**” **3** When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matt. 2:4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them **where the Messiah was to be born.** **5** They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for **this is what has been written by the prophet:** **6** ‘AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.’” **7** ¶ Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “**Go and search carefully for the Child;** and when you have found *Him*, report to me, **so that I too may come and worship Him.**”

9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and **the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them** until it came and **stood over the place** where the Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** After coming into the house **they saw the Child** with Mary His mother; and **they fell to the ground and worshiped Him.** Then, opening their treasures, they **presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.** **12** And having been **warned by God in a dream** not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

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Luke 2:21-33 **21** ¶ And when **eight days had passed, before His circumcision,** His name was *then* **called Jesus**, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. **22** ¶ And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, **they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord** **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “EVERY *firstborn* MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD”), **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS.” **25** ¶ 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.** **26** 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. **27** 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, **28** then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, **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.” **33** ¶ And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

Luke 2:36 ¶ And there was a **prophetess, Anna** the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was **advanced in years** and had lived with *her* husband seven years after her marriage,

37 and then **as a widow to the age of eighty-four**. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

38 At that very moment **she came up and began giving thanks to God**, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.