

# Arrival — Wonder, Treasure, Ponder

## I. ADVENT! The Arrival of the King

[John 1:1](#) In the Beginning was the Word ... [14](#) And the Word became flesh... **[Slide 1]**

**Wonder** The Creator enters Creation... The Timeless One enters time.

**Humility** — [Phil 2:2](#) Complete my joy... [3](#) Do nothing from selfish ambition... [5](#) Have this mind among yourselves... in Christ Jesus... [6](#) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped (marg. a thing to be held on to for personal advantage), [7](#) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

*Who is God that He would take our frame  
The artisan inside the paint  
Or breathe the very air His breath sustains  
The architect inside the plan*

**Faithfulness** — All God's Promises find their Yes in Him

**Timing** — Fullness of Times —

## II. Family — How the Miracle Came to Be

### A. The Cast of Characters—

1. The barren priest LUKE 1
2. The Galilean girl. LUKE 1
3. The heartbroken dreamer. MATT 1
4. The Place — Caesar and taxes LUKE 2
5. Shepherds and Angels. LUKE 2

### B. The Messy Story Line —> The NAME

[Matt 1:1](#) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham —> Isaac —> Judah & Tamar —>

Salmon and Rahab → Boaz & Ruth → Obed, Jesse, DAVID & the wife of Uriah → Solomon → Rehoboam → Captivity → Joseph!

ANGELS → Zechariah, Mary → “Be it unto me” → the ARK of His Presence → Joseph

**Mt 1:18** 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. **[Slide 2]**

**19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. **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: **23** “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name **Immanuel**” (which means, **God with us**). **[Slide 3]**

(**Mt 28:20** **I am with you always...**)

**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**.

*The holy Word of God defined by name  
The author climbed inside the page*

## C. The Place – Bethlehem

**Luke 2:1** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered ... **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, **to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem**, because he was of

the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered **with Mary**, his betrothed, who was with child.

**Mic. 5:2** But you, O **Bethlehem Ephrathah**, ... too little ... , from you shall come forth **for me** one who is to be **ruler** in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old....

**Lk 2.6** And **while they were there**, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And **she gave birth** to her **firstborn son** and **wrapped him in swaddling cloths** and **laid him in a manger**, because there was **no place for them** in the inn.

*The One who had no start and knows no end  
Became confined in time and tense  
The Everlasting God  
The Great I Am  
In the mercy of a mother's hands*

The One who “did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (**Matt. 20:28**)

*The One who holds the stars  
In the creases of His hands  
Is the One who holds my heart  
Like a mother once held him  
The One who knows what lies  
Where space has run its course  
Embraced a baby's mind  
And now I can know my God*

### **III. Angelic Proclamation & Worship**

#### **A. The Announcement — Good news of MEGA Joy to man PRESENCE and SHALOM**

**Luke 2:8** And in the same region there were **shepherds** out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

- 9 And an **angel of the Lord** appeared to them, and the glory of the **Lord shone around them**, and they were filled with great fear.
- 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, **I bring you good news** of **great joy** that will be **for all the people**. 11 For **unto you** is **born** this day in the city of David **a Savior**, who is **Christ the Lord**. 12 And this will be **a sign for you: you will find** a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."
- Lk 23.53 "wrapped in a linen shroud... laid in a tomb cut in stone..."

## B. Strategic Worship

- 13 And **suddenly** there was **with the angel** a **multitude** of the **heav-  
enly host** praising God and saying, (This is how I fight my bat-  
tles)
- 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those  
with whom he is pleased!" KJV — good will toward men.

## C. A Song of Glory

"Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, among those with  
whom he is pleased."

### 1. Song of Incarnation

**Fullness of Time:** God stoops from his throne, enters into the  
full human experience:

*The monarch of the stars  
The King above all kings  
The ruler of my heart  
And the Saviour for my sins  
The One who sees what lies  
In each and every soul  
Embraced our finite eyes  
And now we can see our God*

Therefore God has highly exalted him ... **Name above all  
names.**

2. **Song of PEACE.** They sang a **new song** before the throne of God: To “Glory to God” they **added this stanza—“on earth, peace.”**

There had been **no peace on earth since Adam fell.**

**When the newborn King made his appearance,** his **swaddling** cloth with which he was wrapped up was the sign, the **flag of peace.** **SHALOM**

3. **Song of GOOD WILL** — God and man working together.

Lk 12:32 – Father’s good pleasure... give you the kingdom

Ph 2:13 – God works in you to will and to work for his good pleasure

*God embraced our frame  
When He graced the world He made  
All hail the divine in a manger  
Love embraced our fate  
When the playwright took the stage  
All hail the arrival of our maker  
All hail the arrival of our Saviour  
All hail the arrival of our maker*

**Luke 2:15** When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “**Let us go** over to Bethlehem **and see this thing that has happened,** which the Lord has made known to us.” **16** And they **went with haste** and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. **17** And when they **saw** it, they **made known** the **saying** that had been told them concerning this child.

**18** And **all who heard it wondered** at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary **treasured** up all these things, **pondering** them in her heart.

**Go, See, Make Known**

**Wonder — the initial encounter**

**Treasure — value and guard**

**Ponder — put it all together, see everything through this lens.**

**At the cross, the resurrection, the upper room...**

Waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, lives of holiness and godliness... New heavens and a new earth...

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