

Hi! My name is Jesus

Long ago I created heaven and earth, placed the sun, moon and stars above and fashioned the earth with seas and land. I prepared tremendous variety in plants and animals and caused them to produce offspring. I prepared a special garden and in that garden I placed man and woman. Adam and Eve were to find joy and purpose in helping the garden to grow and expand, exploring and developing the resources of the earth, and in having their own children. I formed one tree with special fruit for me whenever I visited the garden. I told Adam and Eve to leave that fruit for me because they would be hurt and become sick and die if they ate it.

First Eve and then Adam reached out to take for themselves from that tree. I visited the garden and they hid themselves in shame. I called them by name and slowly they answered. They tried to blame another for their selfish choice to disobey me. My heart hurt with pain, but I kept my word. So I confirmed what I had spoken, "Dying, you shall surely die!" And then I banished them from the garden into the wild earth with thorns, thistles and weeds. Harsh labor was required to find and grow food, to secure lodging, and to raise their family.

But I still loved my creation Adam and Eve. Before they left the garden I told them I would prepare a way to bring them back to me again. This would be done through a baby born from a woman. There were many generations of mothers with babies until I sent my angel Gabriel to speak to an unmarried virgin woman named Mary. Gabriel told her that her baby would come from God Himself and the baby would be the Son of God.

Because I loved Adam and Eve and all of their family I set aside my glory, and splendor, and majesty and became that little child in Mary's womb. There I grew until it was time for my birth. Angels came in their great joy to announce my birth. They spoke into the fields of the earth where shepherds heard I was born in Bethlehem. They were told I could be found laying in a manger wrapped in the same simple cloth used to bury the dead. The shepherds came to see and everything was just as they had been told by the angels. The shepherds went out and told everyone this special news. Even a special star shone to guide men from the east who had studied old prophecies about me coming to earth. These men came with gifts to honor me and gave them to Mary and Joseph when I was about two years old.

I am Jesus of Bethlehem, the descendant of David, of Abraham, of Noah and of Adam. But Joseph moved our family to Nazareth after fleeing to Egypt and returning again when it was safe. Here I grew amongst men, honoring my parents, and growing in wisdom and stature before all. I learned and studied the Scriptures so that I was prepared to reveal myself as the Messiah of Israel. I came in to this world to show God's love and give my life for them as the Savior of all mankind.

My special purpose to come to earth to die John 12:27-33, the promised birth 1Chronicles 17:11-15; Isaiah 7:14, the announcement by the angels to the shepherds at night Luke 2:8-15, laying in a manger wrapped in swaddling (grave) clothes Luke 2:15-18 are all part of the reasons why you celebrate Christmas. No other child has ever come to be born to any mother in this process: according to God's promise in the Garden of Eden Gen 3:15, pre-announced before conception in the womb by an angel Matthew 1:20-21 & Luke 1:26-33, through a virgin mother giving birth Matthew 1:20 & Luke 1:34-36, at the place promised Micah 5:1, announced by angels Luke 2:8-18, and called the Son of the Highest Luke 1:32, and who would save the people from their sins Matthew 1:7!

Merry Christmas!