

THE BIRTH OF A KING

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Chapter Twenty Two

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The Birth of the King

John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

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¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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¹⁴ The **Word** became **flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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The Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14

The Word, who was God, was made flesh.

“Word” is from the Greek *logos* from which we get logic, reason.

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Heraklitus, a philosopher who lived in Ephesus and who observed that you never step in the same river twice, said that *logos* is omnipotent wisdom that steers everything.

Plato offered the possibility that a Word (*logos*) may one day usher forth from God.

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The Word who is God is revealed in Jesus
Christ. John 1:1 and 14

John 1:1 “In the beginning...” is an echo or
return to Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created...”

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John 1:1-14

God created by words, by speech, “Let there be...and there was...”

The voice is the voice of Jesus who appears in the Old Testament—to Jacob at the brook Jabbok;

to Joshua as the Commander of God’s Armies;
to Abraham as Melchizedek;

as the 4th person in the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

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This Jesus is the one who was made flesh, with teeth and toenails and two kidneys, not part man and part God, but fully human and fully God.

Jesus was born as an ordinary person to ordinary people. Luke 1:34-35

Jesus was born of a young virgin girl, needing no help from us to be born.

His earthly father, Joe, was an ordinary carpenter.

Jesus' birth was truly humble.

Jesus is humble enough to know what you've been through this week; humble enough to know what keeps you awake at night; humble enough to hear an Ethiopian immigrant or a squatter in Brazil; humble enough to know the chill of a cold night and the pain of a hungry belly. The Word became flesh. He came to us and for us.

The Word, Jesus, was turned away by many

John 1:10-11

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

The innkeeper was not the only one to turn Jesus away. We can only imagine what went through his head as he rejected Jesus, claiming it was too crowded to have a pregnant woman give birth in his inn.

John 1:10-11

The world is always “too crowded” to receive Jesus—crowded with deadlines and headlines, phone lines and long lines, full itineraries, full schedules, jam-packed lives.

Jesus comes not to complicate our already complicated lives, but to simplify our lives, even to give us life.

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It is never too late to invite Jesus into our lives.

We don't have to clean up our act first. He comes in even at the 2 minute warning of life.

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It was not too late for **Abraham** at 100 years of age,

It was not too late for **Moses** after 40 years in the desert,

not too late for Jonah running from God, not too late for **Saul of Tarsus** who persecuted Christians and who met Christ on the Damascus road.

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Not too late for **Peter** who denied Jesus or for
Thomas who doubted Jesus.

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It's not too crowded and it's not too late to meet Jesus—the Word, our King and Savior. He comes to common folk—a common carpenter, a common virgin girl, common shepherds. When God comes, he comes through common things.

Revelation 3:20

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

A Suggested Prayer

Come in Jesus, yes please, come in, make my
heart your home, excuse its mess please, and
forgive its sin

But isn't that why you have come, to cleanse
and purge and to sweep and wash, and to make
this shack your home,

If you will have me, my best is yours and now
my heart is your home