# Matthew 1:18-23 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

# *The Birth of Jesus the Messiah*

**18**Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+1%3A18-23&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-27435a)] took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19**Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. **20**But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21**She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” **22**All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

**23**“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
    and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”

# Matthew 2:1-12 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

# *The Visit of the Wise Men*

**2**In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+2%3A1-12&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-27443a)] from the East came to Jerusalem, **2**asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+2%3A1-12&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-27444b)] and have come to pay him homage.” **3**When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; **4**and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+2%3A1-12&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-27446c)] was to be born. **5**They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

**6**‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
    are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
    who is to shepherd[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+2%3A1-12&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-27448d)] my people Israel.’”

**7**Then Herod secretly called for the wise men[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+2%3A1-12&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-27449e)] and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. **8**Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” **9**When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+2%3A1-12&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-27451f)] until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10**When they saw that the star had stopped,[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+2%3A1-12&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-27452g)] they were overwhelmed with joy. **11**On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12**And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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# Luke 1:26-38 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

# *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

**26**In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, **27**to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. **28**And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A26-38&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-29186a)] **29**But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. **30**The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31**And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. **32**He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. **33**He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” **34**Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A26-38&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-29192b)] **35**The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A26-38&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-29193c)] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. **36**And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. **37**For nothing will be impossible with God.” **38**Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

# Isaiah 11:1 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

# *The Peaceful Kingdom*

**11**A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
    and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

# Luke 1:39-45 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

# *Mary Visits Elizabeth*

**39**In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, **40**where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. **41**When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit **42**and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. **43**And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? **44**For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. **45**And blessed is she who believed that there would be[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A39-45&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-29203a)] a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

# Luke 1:67-70 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

# *Zechariah’s Prophecy*

**67**Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

**68**“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
    for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.  
**69**He has raised up a mighty savior[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A67-70&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-29227a)] for us  
    in the house of his servant David,  
**70**as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

# John 3:16 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

**16**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

# 1 John 5:11 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

**11**And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

# 2 Corinthians 9:15 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

**15**Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

# Isaiah 7:14 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

**14**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+7%3A14&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-21683a)] is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+7%3A14&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-21683b)]

# Isaiah 9:6-7 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

**6**For a child has been born for us,  
    a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
    and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
    Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
**7**His authority shall grow continually,  
    and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
    He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
    from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

# Micah 5:2 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

# *The Ruler from Bethlehem*

**2**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Micah+5%3A2&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-26908a)] But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
    who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
    one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
    from ancient days.

# Galatians 4:4-5 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

**4**But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5**in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.