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# MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS

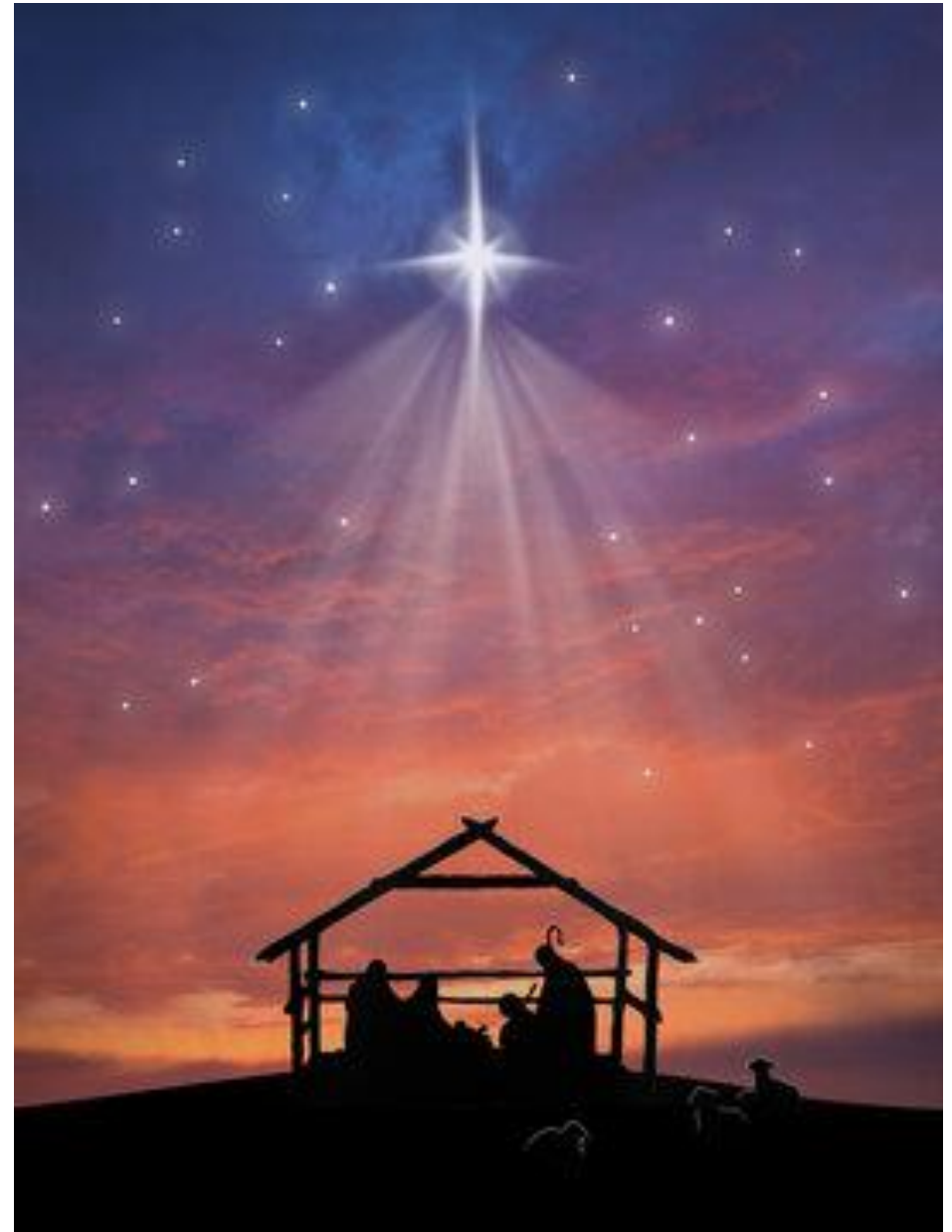
LUKE 2: 8-16

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# Luke 2:1-4

- 2 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. 2 (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. 4 And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He travelled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.



# Micah 5:2

- But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
- who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
- from you shall come forth for me
- one who is to be ruler in Israel,
- whose coming forth is from of old,
- from ancient days.



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# Luke 2:6-7

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# John 14:2-3

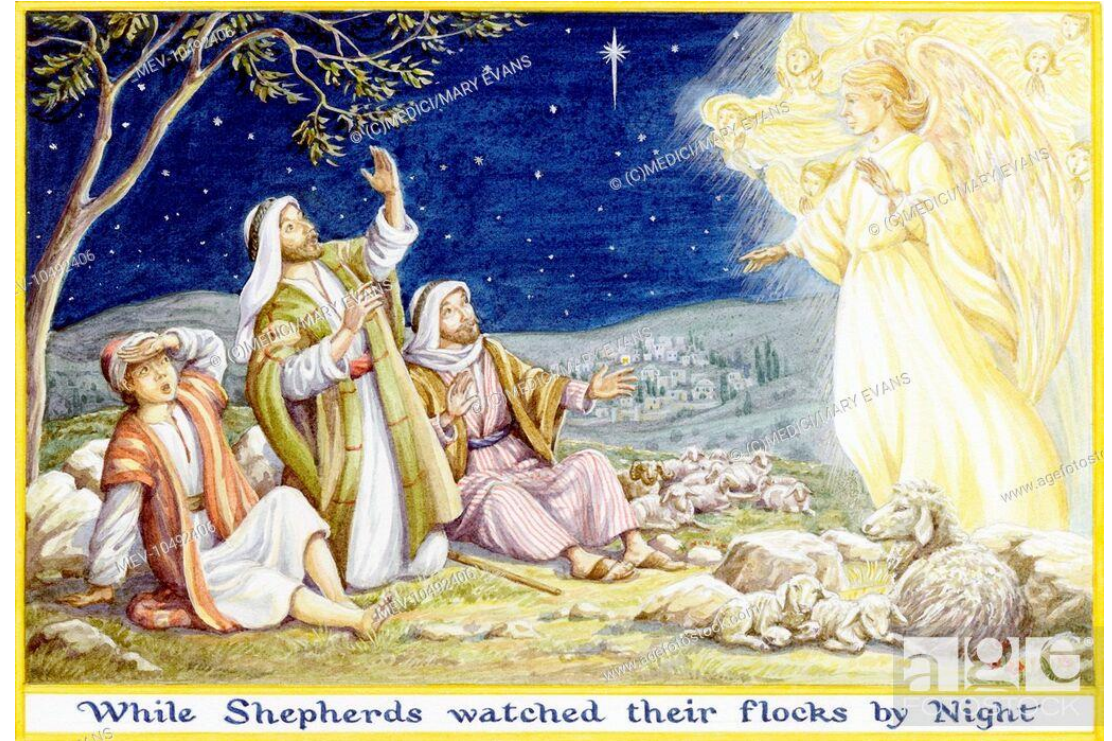
- 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.





# Luke 2:8-12

- 8 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. 9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! 12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."



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# Matthew 2:5-6

- 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:
- 6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
- are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
- for out of you will come a ruler
- who will **shepherd my people** Israel.'



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# Luke 2:21-24

- 21 Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived.
- 22 Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.
- 23 The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord." 24 So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."



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## Luke 2:25-32

- 25 At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him
- 26 and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.
- 27 That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required,
- 28 Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,
- 29 "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.
- 30 **I have seen your salvation,**
- 31 which you have prepared for all people.
- 32 He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

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- 6) **Salvation isn't something you do, it is someone you know.**

