

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I want today to read from Scripture. I am going to show you how the Word became flesh in the birth of Jesus, the Christ. In **Matthew 1**, we read —

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily - *that is, quietly.*

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: -*that word, wife, was used of those who were engaged; it did not mean they had come together as man and wife - that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost - of the Holy Spirit.*

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from theirs sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which

being interpreted is, God with us.

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son - *he protected her; he watched over her; he cared for her in an amazing way by obeying what the angel said to do and at no time did he ever treat her as his wife.*

Then, in **Luke chapter 2**, we read -

1 And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Cesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David,)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she *-speaking of Mary -* brought forth her firstborn born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes , and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Matthew 1:25 . . . and he *-that is, Joseph -* called his name **Jesus.** *He obeyed what the angel said to do.*

Then in **Luke 2**, we read --

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying that which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which

were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Will you glorify God this day for the wonder of Christ Jesus becoming flesh to become your Saviour? Glorify and praise God for these things you have heard and seen.

Blessed, blessed, Happy Christmas Day! Amen.