



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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The Christmas Gospel

For God, the Lord of Earth
and Heaven,

So loved and longed to see
forgiven

The world, in sin and plea-
sure mad,

That He gave the greatest
Gift He had,

His only begotten Son, to
take our place,

That whosoever -- oh, what
grace! --

Believeth, placing simple
trust

In Him, the righteous and
the just,

Should not perish lost in sin

But have everlasting life in
Him.

In Days Gone By

On Dec. 17, 1903, the
Wright brothers made the
first flight in a plane.

On Dec. 18, 1853, C.H.
Spurgeon preached his
first sermon.

On Dec. 21, 1620, the
Pilgrims landed on our
soil.

"WHERE GOD IS"

There was a little boy,
On the week's first day,
Coming home from Sunday School
And wandering on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass
And found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milkweed pod
And blew out all the filler.

A bird's nest in a tree above,
So wisely placed on high,
Was just another wonder
That caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his crooked course
And hailed him from the lawn.
He asked him where he'd been that day
And what was going on.

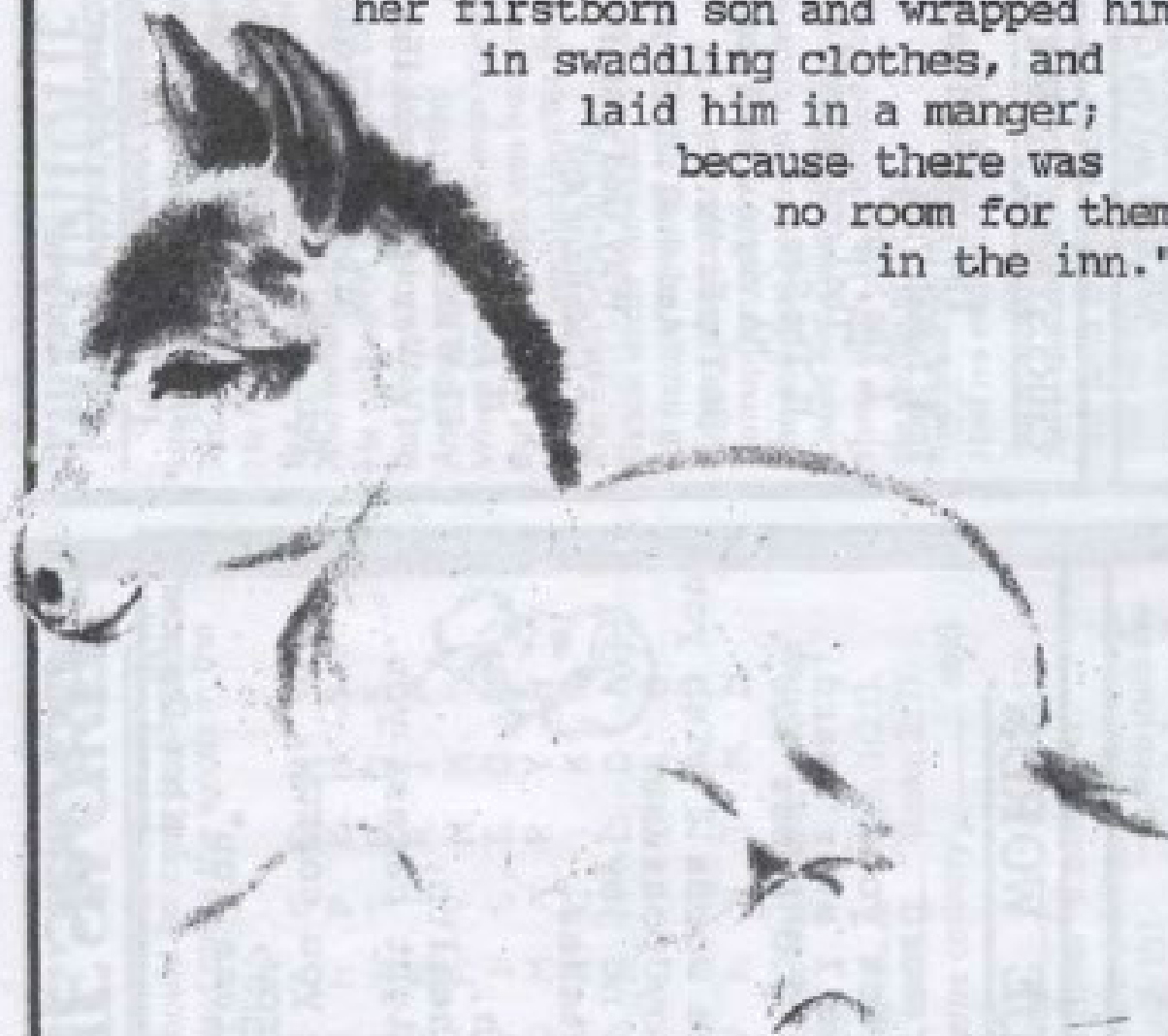
"I've been to Sunday School," he said
As he turned a piece of sod,
And picking up a worm, he smiled,
"I've learned a lot from God!"

"That's a fine way," the neighbor said,
"For a boy to spend his time.
Now if you can tell me where God is,
I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash the answer came,
The boy said without complaint,
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,
If you can tell me where God ain't!"

NO ROOM IN THE INN!

Luke 2:7 - "And she brought forth
her firstborn son and wrapped him
in swaddling clothes, and
laid him in a manger;
because there was
no room for them
in the inn."



AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky, looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle, to watch lullaby.

SEARCH THE WORD

Details of the Christmas story should be easy to identify. First fill in the blanks; then find and circle the words in the puzzle. They may read in any direction.

N E G I N N R A C O B W
 A S O S D R E H P E H S
 Z N E M E S I W T G U S
 A E P E A C E H I R I M
 R C R S O J L F Y N N Y
 E N D L B E T I S E G R
 T I P A H S Q M A R Y R
 H K U E P U M A G I K H
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 O A I F S K I G I Z L B
 W R T G O S L E G N A D
 I F T S J E P R H T M N

- 1-2. "____, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee _____, thy wife" (Matt. 1:20).
3. "... thou shalt call His name ____" (Matt. 1:21).
4. "... there was no room ... in the ____" (Luke 2:7).
5. "And there were in the same country _____ abiding in the field" (Luke 2:8).
6. "Ye shall find the babe ... in a ____" (Luke 2:12).
7. "... _____, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).
8. "... the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto _____" (Luke 2:15).
9. "... there came _____ from the east" (Matt. 2:1).
10. "... we have seen His _____ in the east" (Matt. 2:2).
- 11-14. "... they presented unto Him _____; _____; and _____, and _____" (Matt. 2:11).

If you missed more than two, get your Bible and read the Christmas story again. Searching the Word will help you capture the true spirit of Christmas. —Sharon Kritzman

THE UNIQUE CHRIST

His birth was contrary to the laws of life,
 His death was contrary to the laws of death;
 He had no cornfields or fisheries,
 But He could spread a table for five thousand
 And have bread and fish to spare!
 He walked on no beautiful carpets or velvet rugs,
 But He walked on the waters of the Sea of Galilee,
 And they supported Him!
 When He died, few men mourned,
 But a black crepe was hung over the sun!
 The men trembled not for their sins;
 The earth beneath them
 Shook under the load!
 All nature honored Him!
 Sinners alone rejected Him!
 Corruption could not get hold of His body;
 The soil that had been reddened with His blood
 Could not claim His dust!
 Three years He preached His Gospel;
 He wrote no book,
 And built no house,
 Had no monetary backing;
 But after 2000 years,
 He is the one central Character in human history,
 The pivot around which
 The events of the ages revolve
 And the only Regenerator of the human race!
 Was it merely the Son of Joseph and Mary
 Who crossed the world's horizon 2000 years ago?
 Was it merely human blood
 That was spilled on Calvary's Hill
 For the redemption of sinners?
 What thinking man
 Can keep from exclaiming,
 "My Lord and my God!"

THREE LITTLE WORDS

I cannot find a better word
 More fitting to address you,
 There's no song or poem I ever heard,
 That's sweeter than "God Bless You".

With these three little words I wish you,
 All that Christmas joy possesses,
 For there can truly be no joy,
 Unless indeed God blesses.



I might wish you wealth,
 Or I might wish you health,
 Or that good fortune might caress you.

But wealth might bring you sorrow,
 Or health fail tomorrow,
 So I simply say "God Bless You".

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Wise Men Still Seek Him

CHRISTMAS SERMON OUTLINES

The promised Savior

Text: Isaiah 7:14

I. The Sign

"The Lord Himself shall give you a sign"

II. The Son

"A virgin... shall, bear a son"

III. The Savior

"And shall call His name Immanuel."

Why God sent His Son

Text: Galatians 4:4

I. To us

II. For us

III. With us

IV. We might be with Him

Where do you stand?

Text: John 1:11-12

I. The wise men expected Him (Matthew 2)

II. The shepherds accepted Him (Luke 2)

III. The Jews rejected Him (text)

IV. The innkeeper neglected Him

V. Pilate washed his hands of Him

VI. And you?