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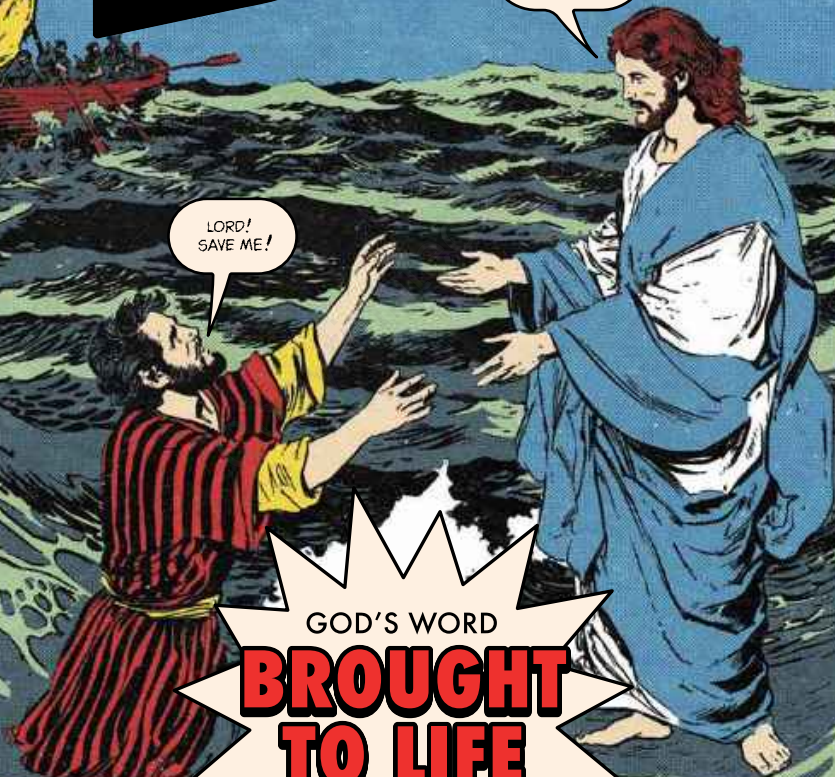
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WHY DID YOU
DOUBT?

LORD!
SAVE ME!



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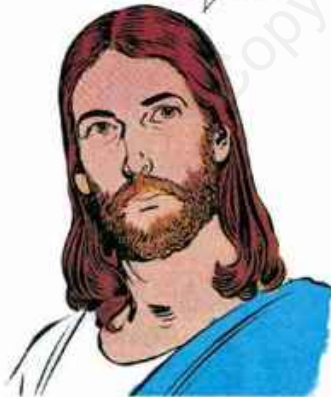
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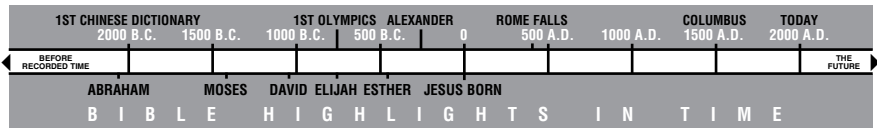
AND SO I AM GIVING
 A NEW COMMANDMENT
 TO YOU NOW--LOVE EACH
 OTHER JUST AS MUCH
 AS I LOVE YOU.



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I AM JESUS OF NAZARETH,
WHOM YOU ARE
PERSECUTING.

WHAT DO YOU
WANT ME TO DO?

“GO INTO THE CITY,”
JESUS ANSWERS, “AND
YOU WILL BE TOLD
WHAT TO DO.”

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STORIES FROM THE

New Testament





New Testament Palestine

The Life of Jesus

From Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

THE FIRST FOUR BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT ARE CALLED THE GOSPELS, WHICH MEANS "GOOD NEWS"--ABOUT JESUS: HIS LIFE, TEACHINGS, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION. BECAUSE THE BOOKS ARE ALIKE IN MANY WAYS, THE FACTS HAVE BEEN COMBINED HERE TO TELL ONE STORY.




TO EVERYONE,
JESUS SAYS--
I AM THE WAY...
NO ONE CAN
COME TO GOD BUT
BY ME.

THE WORLD INTO WHICH JESUS CAME



HERE, OLD MAN, CARRY THIS FOR ME.

FOR ALMOST SIXTY YEARS PALESTINE, THE HOME OF THE JEWS, HAS BEEN RULED BY THE MIGHTY ROMAN EMPIRE. TO MAINTAIN THEIR CONTROL, THE ROMANS APPOINTED HEROD, A CLEVER BUT CRUEL MAN, TO RULE THE LAND. THE JEWS HATE HIM -- AND THE ROMAN OFFICIALS WHO COME TO HIS COURT. THE TIME IS NOW 6 B.C....



THAT CHEST IS TOO HEAVY FOR SUCH AN OLD MAN.

THE ROMANS DON'T CARE.



HOURS LATER THE OLD MAN REACHES HOME...

GRANDFATHER! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

A ROMAN SOLDIER MADE HIM CARRY A HEAVY CHEST TO HEROD'S PALACE.



BUT WHY, MOTHER?

IT'S THE LAW. A ROMAN SOLDIER CAN MAKE A JEW CARRY HIS LUGGAGE FOR A MILE. IT ISN'T RIGHT, BUT THE ROMANS--



THE ROMANS! THEY TAX US FOR EVERYTHING-- BUT WE HAVE NO VOICE IN OUR GOVERNMENT. BACK IN THE DAYS OF THE GREAT KING DAVID WE WERE THE RULERS!

SHH! SOMEONE MIGHT HEAR YOU.



O GOD, YOU PROMISED TO SEND A DELIVERER. WHEN WILL HE COME?

THE PROPHET MALACHI SAID GOD WOULD FIRST SEND SOMEONE TO PREPARE US FOR THE DELIVERER-- AND THAT HELPER HAS NOT YET COME.

THAT AFTERNOON-- AS THE JEWS IN JERUSALEM GATHER IN THE TEMPLE FOR PRAYER -- AN OLD PRIEST, ZACHARIAS, ENTERS THE HOLY PLACE TO PRAY AND OFFER INCENSE.



THIS IS THE GREATEST DAY IN MY LIFE. AFTER ALL THESE YEARS IT IS FINALLY MY TURN TO OFFER INCENSE ON GOD'S HOLY ALTAR.

HE STAYS SO LONG IN THE SECRET ROOM THAT THE PEOPLE BEGIN TO WONDER.



ZACHARIAS' PRAYER IS LONGER THAN THAT OF MOST PRIESTS.

HE IS A GOOD MAN. IT'S TOO BAD HE HAS NO SON TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

AT LAST ZACHARIAS COMES OUT AND FACES THE PEOPLE -- BUT HE CANNOT SPEAK!



WHAT HAPPENED IN THE HOLY PLACE OF GOD?

A Secret from God

From Luke 1:23-55

ZACHARIAS, THE AGED PRIEST, HAS NOT SPOKEN A WORD SINCE HE ENTERED THE HOLY PLACE OF THE TEMPLE TO OFFER INCENSE. MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN JERUSALEM BELIEVE HE SAW A VISION, BUT ZACHARIAS MAKES NO EXPLANATION. HE COMPLETES HIS TIME OF SERVICE IN THE TEMPLE, AND RETURNS TO HIS HOME IN THE HILLS OF JUDAH. HIS WIFE, ELISABETH, MEETS HIM AT THE DOOR...

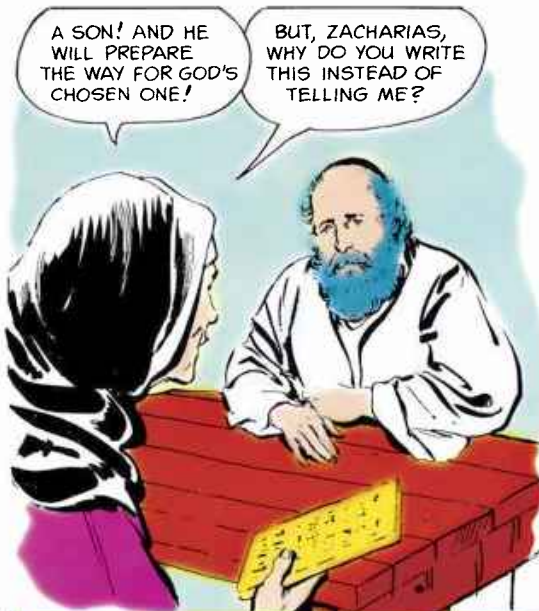


ZACHARIAS!
WHAT IS WRONG?
WHY DON'T YOU
SPEAK TO ME?

QUICKLY ZACHARIAS WRITES HIS ANSWER
AND HANDS IT TO ELISABETH TO READ.

WHILE I WAS PRAYING IN
THE HOLY PLACE, AN ANGEL
SPOKE TO ME. HE TOLD
ME THAT WE WOULD HAVE
A SON. HIS NAME WILL BE
JOHN, AND HE WILL
PREPARE OUR PEOPLE
FOR THE DELIVERER
FROM GOD.





A SON! AND HE WILL PREPARE THE WAY FOR GOD'S CHOSEN ONE!

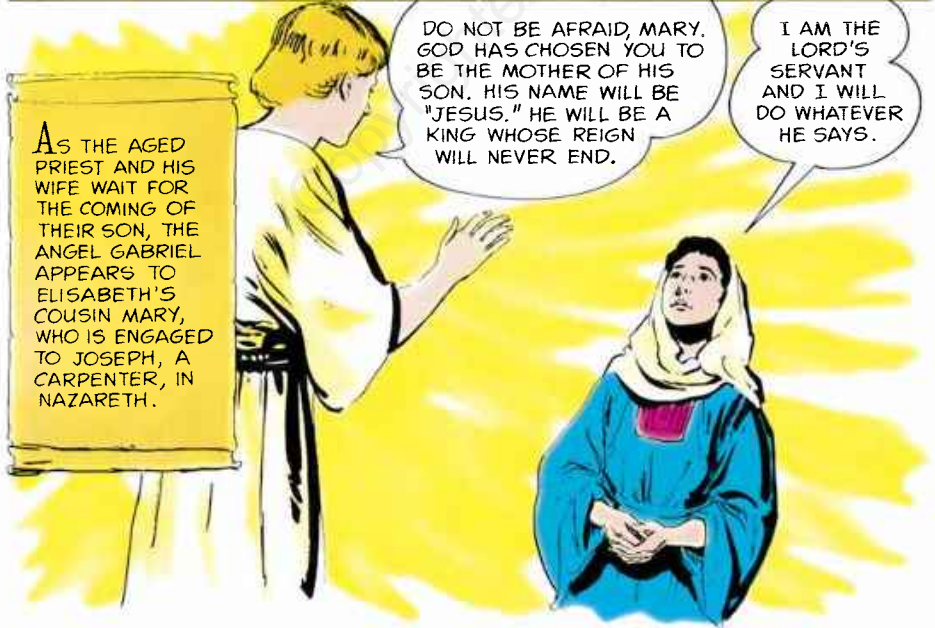
BUT, ZACHARIAS, WHY DO YOU WRITE THIS INSTEAD OF TELLING ME?

ZACHARIAS WRITES A SECOND MESSAGE AND GIVES IT TO HIS WIFE.



GOD FORGIVE ME. I DOUBTED THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE, AND HE TOLD ME I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK UNTIL THE MESSAGE CAME TRUE.

OVERJOYED--AND AWED BY THE GREAT TRUST GOD HAS PLACED IN THEM--ZACHARIAS AND ELISABETH PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON. IN THE MONTHS THAT PASS THEY OFTEN READ TOGETHER THE PARTS OF SCRIPTURE THAT TELL ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES TO HIS PEOPLE.



AS THE AGED PRIEST AND HIS WIFE WAIT FOR THE COMING OF THEIR SON, THE ANGEL GABRIEL APPEARS TO ELISABETH'S COUSIN MARY, WHO IS ENGAGED TO JOSEPH, A CARPENTER, IN NAZARETH.

DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY. GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO BE THE MOTHER OF HIS SON. HIS NAME WILL BE "JESUS." HE WILL BE A KING WHOSE REIGN WILL NEVER END.

I AM THE LORD'S SERVANT AND I WILL DO WHATEVER HE SAYS.

MARY TELLS NO ONE OF THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE, BUT IN A FEW DAYS SHE GOES TO THE CARPENTER SHOP TO SEE JOSEPH.



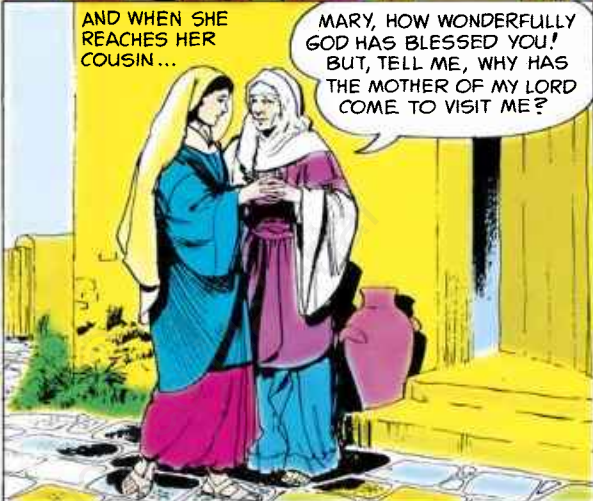
I HAVE DECIDED TO GO AND VISIT MY COUSIN, ELISABETH.

IN JUDAH? I HATE TO HAVE YOU GO ALONE, MARY. IF ONLY THE PERIOD OF OUR ENGAGEMENT WERE OVER AND WE WERE MARRIED, THEN I COULD TAKE YOU THERE.

BUT, MARY LEAVES NAZARETH ALONE.



THE ANGEL SAID THAT ELISABETH IS GOING TO HAVE A SON, TOO. IT WILL BE GOOD TO TALK WITH HER.



AND WHEN SHE REACHES HER COUSIN...

MARY, HOW WONDERFULLY GOD HAS BLESSED YOU! BUT, TELL ME, WHY HAS THE MOTHER OF MY LORD COME TO VISIT ME?

FROM THIS GREETING MARY KNOWS THAT ELISABETH SHARES HER WONDERFUL SECRET. JOYFULLY SHE SINGS ALOUD HER PRAISE TO GOD.

MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD... FOR GOD WHO IS MIGHTY HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME; AND HOLY IS HIS NAME.



A Father's Prophecy

From Luke 1:57-80; 2:1-5

THE DAYS PASS SWIFTLY IN THE HOME OF THE OLD PRIEST, ZACHARIAS. HIS WIFE, ELISABETH, AND HER YOUNG COUSIN, MARY, SPEND MANY HOURS TALKING ABOUT THE SON'S GOD HAS PROMISED THEM. WHEN ELISABETH AND ZACHARIAS' CHILD IS BORN, NEIGHBORS AND RELATIVES COME TO SEE HIM.



HOW PROUD ZACHARIAS MUST BE TO HAVE A SON TO BEAR HIS NAME.

HE IS PROUD TO HAVE A SON, BUT, THE CHILD'S NAME IS JOHN.

JOHN? THEN YOU AREN'T NAMING HIM FOR ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY?

ZACHARIAS-- WHO HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK A WORD SINCE HE DOUBTED THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE ABOUT THE BIRTH OF HIS SON--MOTIONS FOR A TABLET. QUICKLY HE WRITES HIS ANSWER, AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN TO READ.



HIS NAME IS JOHN.

SO THE BABY IS NAMED ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ANGEL-- AND AT THAT MOMENT ZACHARIAS IS ABLE TO SPEAK.

BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL; FOR HE HAS VISITED AND REDEEMED HIS PEOPLE... AND YOU, CHILD, SHALL BE CALLED THE PROPHET OF THE HIGHEST: FOR YOU WILL GO BEFORE THE FACE OF THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS.



ON THEIR WAY HOME THE PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE STRANGE EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE BIRTH OF ZACHARIAS' SON.

THE NAME JOHN --WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IT MEANS, "GOD HAS BEEN GRACIOUS." GOD MUST HAVE A SPECIAL PURPOSE FOR THAT CHILD.



HOME AGAIN IN NAZARETH, MARY THINKS ABOUT THE PURPOSE GOD HAS FOR HER CHILD. BUT JOSEPH, THE CARPENTER TO WHOM SHE IS ENGAGED, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THE ANGEL HAS TOLD MARY ABOUT THE SON THAT IS TO BE BORN. ONE NIGHT AN ANGEL COMES TO HIM.



GOD HAS CHOSEN MARY TO BE THE MOTHER OF HIS SON. YOU MUST CALL THE CHILD JESUS, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, JOSEPH HURRIES TO SEE MARY.

O MARY, IN A DREAM LAST NIGHT AN ANGEL TOLD ME THAT YOU ARE TO BE THE MOTHER OF THE LORD. I SEE NOW THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU AND YOUR SON.

SO MARY AND JOSEPH ARE MARRIED, AND MOVE INTO JOSEPH'S HOUSE BESIDE THE CARPENTER SHOP. IN THE EVENINGS WHEN THE DAY'S WORK IS DONE, THEY REST ON THE ROOF TOP--WATCHING THE STARS AND TALKING ABOUT GOD'S PROMISE TO MARY.

BUT ONE DAY JOSEPH COMES HOME FROM THE MARKET PLACE WITH BAD NEWS: CAESAR AUGUSTUS HAS ORDERED EVERYONE TO REGISTER HIS NAME AND PROPERTY. SINCE JOSEPH AND MARY ARE DESCENDANTS OF KING DAVID, JOSEPH MUST GO TO BETHLEHEM, THE CITY OF DAVID.

BUT I CAN'T GO NOW-- AND LEAVE YOU...

YOU MUST GO, JOSEPH, AND I'LL GO WITH YOU. DON'T WORRY-- GOD WILL BE WITH US.

EAGER TO HAVE THE REGISTRATION OVER, THEY SET OUT. SOON OTHERS JOIN THEM ON THE WAY. BUT THE JOURNEY TAKES SEVERAL DAYS, AND AFTER A WHILE JOSEPH AND MARY FALL BEHIND-- UNTIL THEY ARE AMONG THE LAST TO REACH BETHLEHEM.

WE HAVE TRAVELED A LONG WAY AND MY WIFE IS VERY TIRED. I NEED A ROOM.

I'M SORRY, BUT BETHLEHEM IS CROWDED THESE DAYS. THERE'S NO ROOM HERE.