

Tidings of Great Joy

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.—Luke 2:10

The Logos was rich in spiritual privileges, glory, and honor, yet for our sake he became poor, giving up everything he had as a perfect spirit being. God transferred his life principle to Mary's womb. Mary provided and nourished the baby's body and God provided the life spark. When Jesus was born, the angels rejoiced to announce his birth to the shepherds—they knew this was the Logos made flesh.

God's law is exact: "life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth" (Deuteronomy 19:21). Only a perfect human life could redeem Adam who had disobeyed God and was sentenced to death. This life could not be that of an ordinary human because all were sinners and imperfect; nor could this life be that of an angel. It had to be a perfect man like Adam before he sinned (1 Timothy 2:6; Psalm 49:7).

Since there was no perfect human being to take Adam's place in death, God prepared a perfect human body so the life principle of the Logos could be born as a baby, the baby of a faithful young Jewish woman named Mary. This baby was holy, harmless, and separate from sinners, and his name was Jesus. No longer was he the Logos, for he was no longer a spirit being but a dear little baby boy—a perfect human life. That baby would grow up to be the man Christ Jesus. When he reached the age of thirty, he was an adult according to Jewish law. Then he could offer himself as a

sacrifice for Adam and become the Savior of the entire human race! The word *savior* means *life-giver*.

We know that the angel's prophecy of "peace on earth, good will to men" has not yet been fulfilled. We also know that it will be fulfilled in God's due time when all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Thus we see that the "good news" announced by the angels so long ago will, in due time, truly be "good news that will be for **all the people!**" What wonderful blessings God has in store for all mankind because of his great love for his earthly creation.



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The angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds.