

Christmas Eve
2024

Royalty and Humility

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David... Luke 2:4

*And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Luke 1:31-33*

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

“My government will continue to take action to bring down inflation, to ease the cost of living for families...” King Charles, speech November 7, 2023

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths... Luke 2:7

Glory and Obscurity

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. Luke 2:9

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” Luke 2:13-14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. Luke 2:8

... good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10b

Lord and Savior

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

“We certainly are in need of heroes... There’s a lot of stuff going on in the world, from natural to man-made disasters, and it’s really scary. Part of the appeal of this [superhero] genre is wish fulfillment: Wouldn’t it be nice if there was somebody who can save us from all this, save us from ourselves, save us from the consequences of our actions, and save us from people who are evil?” Ben Affleck