

## Chapter 2

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And it came to pass, that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole

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This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria.

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

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And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which

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To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

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And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered

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And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger

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And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flocks.

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And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them.

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

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For, this day, is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.

**12**

And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger.

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

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Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.

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And it came to pass, after the angels departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another

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And they came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

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And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child.

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And all that heard, wondered; and at those things that were told them by the shepherds.

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But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart.

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And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things they had heard and seen.

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And after eight days were accomplished, that the child should be circumcised, his name was called

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And after the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried

**23**

As it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord:

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And to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two y

**25**

And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting

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And he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had s

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And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when his parents brought in the child Jesus, to do fo

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He also took him into his arms, and blessed God, and said:

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Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace;

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Because my eyes have seen thy salvation,

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Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples:

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A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

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And his father and mother were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning him.

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And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for t

**35**

And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed.

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And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser; she was far a

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And she was a widow until fourscore and four years; who departed not from the temple, by fastings

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Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord; and spoke of him to all that looked for

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And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, t

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And the child grew, and waxed strong, full of wisdom; and the grace of God was in him.

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And his parents went every year to Jerusalem, at the solemn day of the pasch,

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And when he was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem, according to the custom of the fe

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And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and his pa

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And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their k

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And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him.

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And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors,

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And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers.

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And seeing him, they wondered. And his mother said to him: Son, why hast thou done so to us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

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And he said to them: How is it that you sought me? did you not know, that I must be about my father's business?

**50**

And they understood not the word that he spoke unto them.

**51**

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these things in her heart.

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And Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men.

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