



**Christmas Untangled**

Matthew 1:18-23: “This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about<sup>[d]</sup>: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet<sup>[e]</sup> did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,<sup>[f]</sup> because he will save his people from their sins.’ <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’<sup>g</sup>(which means “God with us”).”

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“Romans 8:31: If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all”

Romans 15:4: “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that... we might have hope.”

Romans 15:13: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you \_\_\_\_\_in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

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2 Corinthians 5:17(GW): “Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation.”

Genesis 1:1,2(TLB): “When God began creating<sup>[a]</sup> the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was<sup>[b]</sup> a shapeless, chaotic mass”

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*All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.*