

**Micah 5:1-5**  
**God Sent Forth his Son, Born of Woman...**  
**When the Fullness of Time Had Come,**

*The Son of God became man to enable men to become the sons of God.*

**C. S. Lewis**

*“...And then, just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely withstand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us that all our ideas are wrong, and that what we take to be evil and dark is really good and light because it comes from God. Our eyes are at fault, that is all. God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world and our lives.”*

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Paul’s Prayer from Ephesians 1:16-19

*May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation  
in the knowledge of him,  
having the eyes of your hearts enlightened,  
that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,  
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,  
and  
what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe,  
according to the working of his great might. Amen*

Galatians 4:4a But when the **fullness of time** had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman...

Luke 1:67 And his father **Zechariah** was **filled with the Holy Spirit** and **prophesied**, saying,

Luke 1:68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for **he has visited and redeemed his people**

Luke 1:69 and has raised up a horn of **salvation for us** in the **house of his servant David,**

Luke 1:70 **as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,**

Luke 1:71 that we should be **saved from our enemies** and **from the hand of all who hate us;**

Luke 1:72 to **show the mercy promised to our fathers** and to **remember his holy covenant,**

Luke 1:73a the **oath that he swore to our father Abraham...**

Luke 2:1 In those days **a decree went out from Caesar Augustus** that all the world should be registered.

Luke 2:2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Luke 2:3 And **all went to be registered, each to his own town.**

Luke 2:4 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,**

John 7:41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "**Is the Christ to come from Galilee?**"

John 7:42 **Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"**

Luke 2:5 to be registered with Mary, **his betrothed, who was with child.**

Luke 2:6 And while they were there, **the time came for her to give birth.**

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Luke 2:7 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 2:8 And in the **same region** there were **shepherds** out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9 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 2:10 And the angel said to them, “**Fear not**, for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**

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

Luke 2:12 And this will be a sign for you: **you will find a baby** wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace among those with whom he is pleased!**”

Luke 2:15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to **Bethlehem** and see this thing that has happened, **which the Lord has made known to us.**”

Luke 2:16 And they went with haste and found **Mary and Joseph**, and the **baby** lying in a manger.

Matthew 2:1 Now after **Jesus was born in Bethlehem** of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, **wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,**

Matthew 2:2 saying, “**Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star** when it rose and have **come to worship him.**”

Matthew 2:3 When Herod the king heard this, **he was troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him;

Matthew 2:4 and **assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people**, he inquired of them **where the Christ was to be born.**

Matthew 2:5 They told him, “**In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:**

Matthew 2:6 ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, *are by no means least* among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a **ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.**””

Micah 1:1 **The word of the Lord that came to Micah** of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, **kings of Judah**, which he saw **concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.**

Micah 1:2 Hear, you peoples, all of you; pay attention, **O earth, and all that is in it**, and let the **Lord God** be a witness against you, the Lord **from his holy temple.**

Micah 1:3 For behold, **the Lord is coming** out of his place, and will **come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.**

Micah 1:4 And the mountains will **melt under him**, and the **valleys will split open**, like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place.

Micah 1:5 **All this is for the transgression of Jacob** and **for the sins of the house of Israel.** What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?

Micah 5:1 Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a **rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.**

Micah 5:2 **But you, O Bethlehem** Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, **from you shall come forth for me (Lord) one who is to be ruler in Israel**, whose **coming forth is from of old, from ancient days**.

John 7:42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from **Bethlehem**, the village where David was?"

Micah 5:3 Therefore he (Lord) shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his (**ruler, from ancient days**) brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

Micah 5:4 And he (**ruler, from ancient days**) shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he (**ruler, from ancient days**) shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Micah 5:5 And he (**ruler, from ancient days**) shall be their peace.

*“When the **fullness of time** had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman”*

*“My **hour** has not yet come.”*

*“The **hour** has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”*

*“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this **hour**’? But for this purpose I have come to this **hour**.”*

Isaiah 53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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Matthew 27:50 And **Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.**

Matthew 27:51 And behold, **the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.**

Matthew 27:52 The **tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints** who had fallen asleep **were raised,**

Matthew 27:53 and coming out of the tombs **after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.**

Micah 7:18 Who is a God like you, **pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression** for the **remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.**

Micah 7:19 He will again have **compassion on us**; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. **You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**

Micah 7:20 You will show **faithfulness to Jacob** and **steadfast love to Abraham**, as **you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.**

2Corinthians 5:21 For **our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin**, so that **in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Micah 5:3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; **then the rest of his brothers shall return** to the people of Israel.

Romans 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that **he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**

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Merry Christmas!