

Here we transcribe all the texts that exist in the New Testament about the Christmas, that is, the birth of Jesus:

### **Saint Luke**

#### Introduction

Since many have undertaken to compile an orderly narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too, having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, decided to write it down for you in an orderly sequence, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

#### *Elizabeth and Zechariah conceive their son John. In*

the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. He had a wife named Elizabeth, a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and precepts of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren and both were advanced in years.

It happened that, while he was serving before God, in the division of his division, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priestly service, to enter the Sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense. The whole multitude of the people was outside in prayer at the hour of incense.

The angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear gripped him.

The angel said to him:

"Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard; your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John; he will be a joy and delight to you, and Many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will never take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God and go on before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Zechariah said to the angel:

"How will I recognize him? For I am old and my wife is advanced in years."

The angel answered, "I

am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. Now you will be mute and unable to speak."

until the day these things happen, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

The people were waiting for Zechariah and were surprised by his delay at the Sanctuary.

When he came out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary; he made signs to them, but remained mute.

And it came to pass, when the days of his service were completed, that he went home.

Days later, his wife Isabel conceived; and she remained hidden for five months, saying:

"This is what the Lord has done for me in the days when he was pleased to take away my reproach among men."

#### Annunciation of Jesus Christ to Mary

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said:

"Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at these words and wondered what this greeting might mean. The angel said to

her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God; you will conceive in the I will go into your womb and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and He will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David; he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end."

Mary answered the angel,

"How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered,

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren, for nothing is impossible with God."

Mary said,

"Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."

And the angel left her.

#### Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah; she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

And it came to pass, when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, that the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit; and she exclaimed with a loud voice,

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that..."

"May the mother of my Lord come to me? For as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

And Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my savior  
because he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his  
servant; therefore, from now on all generations will call me blessed,  
For the Mighty One has done great things for me, holy is his name, and his mercy  
extends to those who fear him from generation to generation.

He displayed the strength of his arm;  
he scattered those who are proud in their own hearts.

He brought down the powerful from their thrones and exalted the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy.  
- as I had announced to our parents -  
in favor of Abraham and his descendants forever."

Maria stayed with her for about three months, and then returned home.

#### *Birth of John the Baptist*

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she had a son.

Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they wanted to name him after his father, Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said:

"No; his name must be Juan."

They told him:

"There's no one in your family with that name."

And they made signs to his father, asking what he wanted to be called. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote:

"His name is John."

And they were all amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came upon all his neighbors, and throughout the hill country of Judea all these things were talked about; all who heard them pondered them in their hearts, saying:

"So what will this child be?"

For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

### *Zechariah's Prayer*

Zechariah, his father, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people. He has raised up for us a horn of salvation in the house of his servant David, as he promised through his holy prophets of old, to save us from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which a light from on high will visit us, to shine on those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The child grew and became strong in spirit; he lived in the deserts until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

### *The Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem*

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 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, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth, and she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

### *Announcement to the pastors*

In that same region there were shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

The angel said to

them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this

This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

And suddenly a multitude of the heavenly host gathered with the angel, praising God. God, saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

And it came to pass, when the angels had left them and gone into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another to one another:

"Let us go, then, to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw him, they made known what had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

Mary, for her part, treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told.

#### Temple presentation and circumcision

When the eight days for his circumcision were completed, he was named Jesus, the that the angel gave him before he was conceived in the womb.

When the days of their purification according to the Law of Moses were completed, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the Law of the Lord:

"Every firstborn male shall be consecrated to the Lord"

and to offer as a sacrifice a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, according to what is said in the Law of the Lord.

#### Simeon's Prophecy

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what the Law required, he took him in his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Lord, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations, a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel."

His father and mother were amazed at what was said about him.

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:

"This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign of the coming of the Lord." contradiction. A sword will pierce your own soul too! - so that the intentions of many hearts may be revealed."

### Hannah's Prophecy

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then remained a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer.

Coming up at that very hour, he praised God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

So when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

### Jesus lost and found in the Temple

His parents went to Jerusalem every year for the Passover Festival. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival as usual. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their group of travelers, they journeyed for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When they saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him,

"Son, why have you done this to us? Look, your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

He said to

them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand the answer he gave them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He lived subject to them. His mother carefully treasured all these things in her heart.

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

## **SAINT MATTHEW**

### *Genealogy of Jesus*

Genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac; Isaac, the father of Jacob; Jacob, the father of Judah and his brothers.

Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, and their mother was Tamar.

Perez was the father of Hezron;

Hezron, the father of Ram;

Ram, the father of Amminadab;

Amminadab, the father of Nahshon;

Nahshon, the father of Salmon.

Salmon was the father of Boaz, and Boaz's mother was Rahab.

Boaz was the father of Obed, and Obed's mother was Ruth.

Obed was the father of Jesse;

Jesse, the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, and Solomon's mother was the one who had been Uriah's wife.

Solomon was the father of Rehoboam;

Rehoboam, the father of Abijah;

Abijah, the father of Asaph;

Asaph, the father of Jehoshaphat;

Jehoshaphat, the father of Joram;

Joram, the father of Uzziah.

Ozias was the father of Joatham;

Joatam, father of Ahaz; Ahaz,

father of Hezekiah; Hezekiah,

father of Manasseh.

Manasseh was the father of Amos;

Amos, the father of Josiah;

Josiah, the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, during the exile in Babylon.

After the exile in Babylon:

Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel;

Salatiel, father of Zerubbabel;

Zerubbabel, father of Abiud;  
Abiud, father of Eliakim;  
Eliacim, father of Azor.

Azor was the father of Zadoc;  
Zadok, father of Aquim;  
Aquim, father of Eliud;  
Eliud, father of Eleazar;  
Eleazar, father of Matán;  
Matthan, father of Jacob.

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

The total number of generations is therefore: from Abraham to David, fourteen generations; from David to the exile in Babylon, fourteen generations; from the exile in Babylon to Christ, fourteen generations.

#### *The virgin conception and the birth of Jesus.*

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: 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. Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he was considering 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. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this happened so that what the Lord had announced through the Prophet:

"The Virgin will conceive  
and she will give birth to a son whom they will name  
the name Emanuel,  
which translated means: "God with us".

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him: he took Mary into his home, and although they had not lived together, she gave birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

#### *The visit of the Magi*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. So he gathered together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, to ask them where the Messiah should be born.

"In Bethlehem of Judea,"

They answered him, for thus it is written by the Prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
You're certainly not the youngest.  
among the main cities of Judah,  
because a leader will emerge from you.  
who will be the Shepherd of my people, Israel."

Herod secretly summoned the wise men and, after ascertaining the precise date on which the star had appeared, sent them to Bethlehem, telling them:

"Go and find out carefully about the child, and when you have found him, let me know so that I too may go and pay homage to him."

After hearing the king, they departed. The star they had seen in the East went before them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced greatly, and on coming to the house, they saw the child with Mary, his wife.

mother, and bowing down, they paid homage to her. Then, opening their treasures, they offered her gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod's palace, they returned to their country by another way.

#### *The exile of Jesus in Egypt*

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said:

"Get up, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt. There he stayed until the death of Herod, so that what the Lord had announced might be fulfilled. through the Prophet:

"From Egypt I called my son."

#### *The Massacre of the Innocents*

When Herod realized he had been deceived by the Magi, he became furious and ordered the killing of all male children under two years old in Bethlehem and its surrounding area, according to the date the Magi had indicated to him.

Thus was fulfilled what had been announced by the prophet Jeremiah:

"In Ramah a voice was heard,  
There were tears and groans:  
It is Raquel, who is crying for her children  
and she doesn't want to be comforted,  
because they no longer exist."

*The return from Egypt.*

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, who was in Egypt, and said to

him, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went into the land of Israel. But when he learned that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there and, warned in a dream, withdrew to the region of Galilee, where he settled in a city called Nazareth. Thus was fulfilled what had been foretold through the prophets: He will be called a Nazarene.