

⁵In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.

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⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years... ¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.

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¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John... ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,

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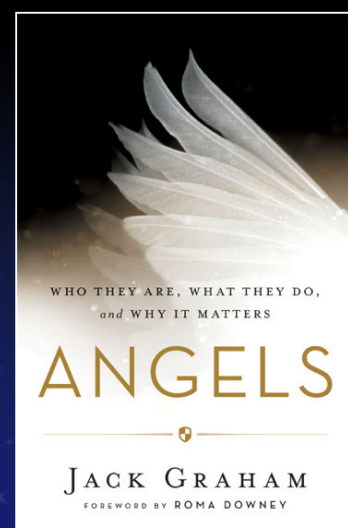
¹⁷and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

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¹⁸And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

—Luke 1:5-7, 11-13, 16-19 ESV

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A Man

Luke 1:5-10

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A Miracle

Luke 1:11-19

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Luke 1:18-25

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A Message

Luke 1:64-79

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“... ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the Sunrise shall visit us from on high ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” —Luke 1:77-79 ESV

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A Message: Salvation is not a human work, but a merciful work of divine intervention for us.

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⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

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⁶whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. —[Titus 3:4-7](#) ESV

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A Message: Salvation translates us from the domain of darkness and fear of death to a new and living hope.

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But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. —[Malachi 4:2](#) ESV

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They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

—[Ephesians 4:18](#) ESV

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For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. —[Romans 1:21](#) ESV

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⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God...

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⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
—2 Corinthians 4:4, 6 ESV

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³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time...

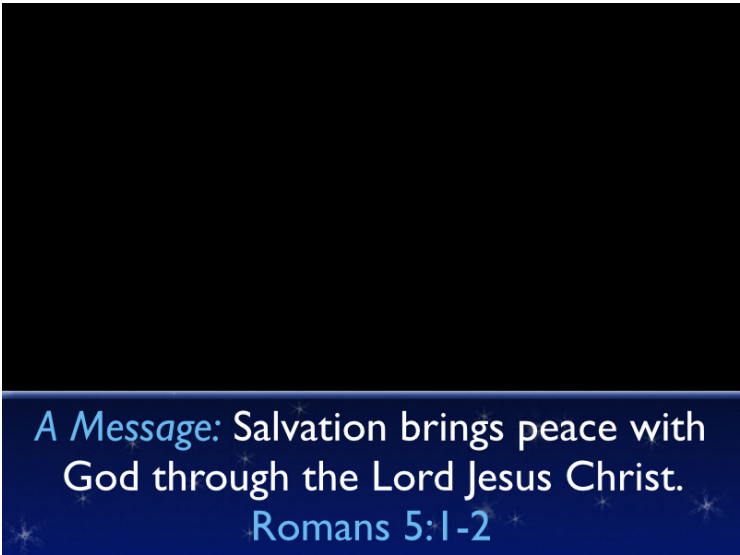
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¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

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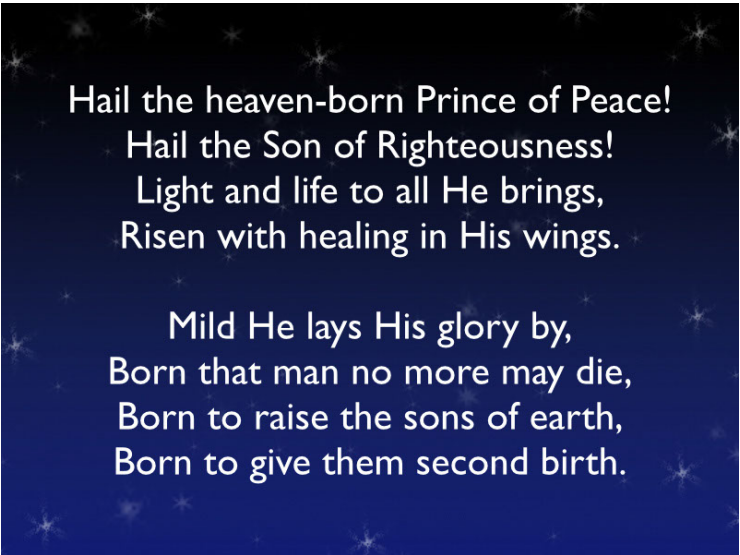
¹²It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.
—1 Peter 1:3-5, 10-12 ESV

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A Message: Salvation brings peace with
God through the Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 5:1-2

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Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

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Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

—Charles Wesley
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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