

GOD INCARNATE



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WE'LL GET BACK TO THE CONCERT LATER...

JOHN 1:1-18

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In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He existed in the beginning with God.

God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

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JOHN 1:1-18

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He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

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JOHN 1:1-18

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John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses, but God's unending love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

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SOME DID NOTICE...

HOPE
EXPECTATION/PEACE
JOY
LOVE

ISAIAH 65:17-25

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“Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth,
and no one will even think about the old ones anymore.

Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation!

And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness.

Her people will be a source of joy.

I will rejoice over Jerusalem

and delight in my people.

And the sound of weeping and crying

will be heard in it no more.

“No longer will babies die when only a few days old.

No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life.

No longer will people be considered old at one hundred!

Only the cursed will die that young!

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ISAIAH 65:17-25

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In those days people will live in the houses they build
and eat the fruit of their own vineyards.

Unlike the past, invaders will not take their houses
and confiscate their vineyards.

For my people will live as long as trees,
and my chosen ones will have time to enjoy their hard-won
gains.

They will not work in vain,
and their children will not be doomed to misfortune.

For they are people blessed by the Lord,
and their children, too, will be blessed.

I will answer them before they even call to me.

While they are still talking about their needs,
I will go ahead and answer their prayers!

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ISAIAH 65:17-25

—

The wolf and the lamb will feed together.

The lion will eat hay like a cow.

But the snakes will eat dust.

In those days no one will be hurt or destroyed on my holy mountain.

I, the Lord, have spoken!"

QAVAH

To wait

AKA: ANTICIPATION

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE PEOPLE OF ANTICIPATION:
AWAITING THE ONE-WHO-IS-TO-COME
TO BRING THE WHAT-IS-TO-COME**

AND WHEN THIS HAPPENS...

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PSALM 51:12

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Restore to me the joy of your salvation..

**JOY NOT JUST FOR JOY'S SAKE,
BUT BECAUSE GOD HAS DONE
WHAT HE SAID HE WOULD DO**

**LET'S DETOUR INTO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
FOR A MOMENT...**

LUKE 1:46-55

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Mary responded,

"Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.

How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,

and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One is holy,

and he has done great things for me.

He shows mercy from generation to generation

to all who fear him.

His mighty arm has done tremendous things!

He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.

He has brought down princes from their thrones

and exalted the humble.

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LUKE 1:46-55

—

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away with empty hands.
He has helped his servant Israel
and remembered to be merciful.
For he made this promise to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever."

MARY'S MAGNIFICAT

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1. Mary rejoices that she has the privilege of giving birth to the promised Messiah (Luke 1:46–48)
2. She glorifies God for His power, holiness, and mercy (Luke 1:49–50)
3. Mary looks forward to God transforming the world through the Messiah (Luke 1:51–53)
4. Mary exalts God because He has been faithful to His promise right back to Abraham (Luke 1:54–55)

ALL THIS TO SAY...

**THIS ISN'T A SONG OF "SURPRISE"
THIS IS A SONG OF "FULFILMENT"**



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**THIS FULFILLED PROMISE IS THE TIPPING POINT
FROM ISAIAH 65-AS-ANTICIPATION
AND A TASTE OF THE JOY OF ISAIAH 65-AS-FULFILLED**

ADVENT CONFRONTS OUR ANTICIPATION

**WHAT WE WAIT FOR SEEMS TO BRING THE MOST
JOY, AND JOY INVOLVES EXPRESSION...**



**...AND JOY AWAITS US IN UNEXPECTED PLACES TOO,
AN EXPRESSION CONFRONTING US, INVITING US IN.**

“HER PEOPLE WILL BE A SOURCE OF JOY”