



believes in Me shall never thirst. ... {37} "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. ... {43} .. "Do not murmur among yourselves. {44} "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. {47} "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. {48} "I am the bread of life."

(Luke 2:1-20) "And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

{2} This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

{3} So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

{4} Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

{5} to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. {6} So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. {7} And she brought forth 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.

{8} Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. {9} And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

{10} Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

{11} "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

{12} "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." {13} And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: {14} "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" {15} So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." {16} And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. {17} Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. {18} And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. {19} But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. {20} Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them."



Bethlehem



The somewhat obscure statement, "From the house of _____ came the living _____", can be unwrapped with two questions:

1. What is this house of _____?, Luke 2:1-7

(2 Samuel 7:12-14) ""... I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. {13} ..., and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. {14} "I will be his Father,

and he shall be My son. ..."

(Micah 5:2) ""But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.""

(John 1:1) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

(John 1:14) "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."



2. Who or what is this living _____? Luke 2:8-20

(Matthew 1:21) "".. you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.""

(John 12:13) "".. "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!""

(John 19:19) "".. JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.""

(Isaiah 55:2) "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance."

(John 6:27-48) ""Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, .. {33} "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." {35} .. "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who