THE UNSHAKEABLE WORD

50 Bible Verses About *Christmas*

From the first promise in Eden to the manger in Bethlehem, with a short reflection on every verse

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given..."

ISAIAH 9:6 · NKJV

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Christmas is easy to celebrate and surprisingly easy to miss. Between the lights, the gifts and the full calendar, the story at the center of it all can fade into the background. Scripture brings it back into focus: a promise made in a garden, repeated by prophets for centuries, and fulfilled one quiet night in Bethlehem.

These fifty verses follow that story in order, from the earliest prophecies to the angel's announcement, the night of Jesus' birth, the wise men's worship, and the reason He came at all. The final section gathers short verses that are perfect for Christmas cards.

> **How to use this guide:** read two verses a day from 1 to 25 December, keep it by the table for family devotions, or choose a verse from the last section to write in a Christmas card.

Promised Long Before

Christmas did not begin in Bethlehem. It began with a promise, repeated and sharpened across centuries of waiting.

1 ISAIAH 9:6

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The most famous Christmas prophecy names the Child before He is born, and every title is bigger than any human king could carry.

2 GENESIS 3:15

"And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

The first whisper of the gospel, spoken in the garden right after the fall: a Seed of the woman would one day crush the serpent.

3 NUMBERS 24:17

"I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel..."

Centuries before the wise men followed a star, Scripture spoke of a Star rising out of Jacob.

4 ISAIAH 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

A sign given to a frightened king that would only be fully understood in a stable: God Himself would be with us.

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ISAIAH 9:2

"The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined."

Christmas is light breaking into real darkness, not decoration on a world that was already fine.

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ISAIAH 9:7

"Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."

The baby in the manger comes with a kingdom that will never stop growing. And the zeal of God guarantees it.

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ISAIAH 11:1

"There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots."

From what looked like a dead stump of David's family, God made something new grow. He still specializes in that.

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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."

Bethlehem was small and overlooked. God chose it anyway, and the One born there has no beginning at all.

The Angel's Announcement

Before shepherds or wise men, God sent word to an ordinary young woman and a troubled carpenter.

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LUKE 1:30–31

"Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.'"

The first words of the Christmas story are "Do not be afraid." They are still the first words God speaks to anxious hearts.

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LUKE 1:32–33

"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Mary's son would not only be great; He would reign forever. Every earthly throne is temporary next to His.

11 LUKE 1:35

"And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.'"

The incarnation is the work of God from beginning to end, not human effort, but the Spirit overshadowing.

12 LUKE 1:37

"For with God nothing will be impossible."

Spoken to Mary about a virgin birth, and true of whatever feels impossible in your life this Christmas.

13 LUKE 1:38

"Then Mary said, 'Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her."

Mary did not understand everything, but she said yes. Faith often looks like surrender before it looks like clarity.

14 MATTHEW 1:20–21

"But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.'"

His name was chosen by heaven and explained in a sentence: Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.

15 MATTHEW 1:22–23

"So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us.'"

Immanuel, God with us. Not God watching from a distance, but God close enough to hold.

The Night He Was Born

The most important birth in history happened quietly, in a borrowed place, announced first to night-shift workers.

16 LUKE 2:10–11

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

Good tidings of great joy for all people. The angel's message is the whole point of Christmas in two sentences.

17 LUKE 2:6–7

"So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 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."

No room in the inn. The King of glory entered the world with the humblest possible welcome.

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18 LUKE 2:8

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night."

God's first audience was not the powerful but shepherds in the dark, doing an ordinary job on an ordinary night.

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19 LUKE 2:9

"And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid."

Glory filled a hillside, and the right response was holy fear. Christmas is beautiful, but it is never small.

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20 LUKE 2:12

"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

The sign of the Savior was a baby in a feed trough. God hid His greatness in humility.

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21 LUKE 2:13–14

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'"

Heaven could not stay quiet. The angels' song is the first Christmas carol ever sung.

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22 LUKE 2:15–16

"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.' And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

The shepherds did not just hear the news; they went with haste to see. Good news invites a response.

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23 LUKE 2:19

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

In the noise of that night, Mary treasured and pondered. Leave space this Christmas to do the same.

The Word Became Flesh

The wonder of Christmas is not only that a baby was born, but who that baby was.

24 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."

The eternal Word moved into the neighborhood. The glory of God became visible in a human life.

25 JOHN 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Before the manger there was the Word, with God and fully God. Bethlehem was His arrival, not His beginning.

26 JOHN 1:4–5

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

The light has come, and darkness has not overcome it. That is as true this December as it was then.

27 GALATIANS 4:4–5

"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."

God's timing was perfect. Jesus came at the fullness of time so that we could become sons and daughters.

28 PHILIPPIANS 2:6–7

"Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."

Christmas is the story of the greatest step down in history: God taking the form of a servant.

29 COLOSSIANS 1:15

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

If you want to know what the invisible God is like, look at the Child of Bethlehem.

30 1 TIMOTHY 3:16

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."

An early Christian hymn in six lines: the whole story of Jesus, beginning with God manifested in the flesh.

31 HEBREWS 2:14

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil..."

He took on flesh and blood so that, through His death, He could break death's power. The manger points to the cross.

The Wise Men and Worship

From shepherds to foreign scholars to faithful old saints, the right response to Jesus has always been worship.

32 MATTHEW 2:1–2

"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, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.'"

The wise men travelled a long way with one aim: to worship. They knew a King when they saw His star.

33 MATTHEW 2:9–10

"When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy."

Exceedingly great joy. When God leads you to Jesus, joy is the natural result.

34 MATTHEW 2:11

"And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

They bowed first and gave gifts second. Worship comes before giving, and gives giving its meaning.

35 LUKE 2:20

"Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them."

The shepherds went back to the same fields and the same sheep, but they went back praising.

36 LUKE 2:29–30

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation."

Simeon waited a lifetime to see the promise. Holding the baby, he knew it had been worth the wait.

37 LUKE 2:38

"And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

Anna could not keep it to herself. Those who meet Jesus become people who talk about Him.

Why He Came

The manger only makes sense in light of the mission. Jesus came for a reason, and the reason is you.

38 JOHN 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The best-known verse in the Bible is a Christmas verse: God gave His Son, out of love, for the world.

39 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

Paul's summary of Christmas: Christ came into the world to save sinners, and he counted himself first among them.

40 LUKE 19:10

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Jesus came looking. Christmas is God seeking the lost, not waiting for them to find their own way back.

41 MARK 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

The King came to serve, not to be served, and to give His life as a ransom.

42 1 JOHN 4:9

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

God did not just tell us He loves us. He showed us, by sending His Son so we could live through Him.

43 TITUS 2:11

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men."

Grace appeared in person. Salvation is not an idea; it arrived with a name and a face.

44 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

The great exchange: He became poor so that we could become rich in Him.

45 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

Every gift under the tree points to this one. Some gifts are simply beyond words.

Christmas Verses for Cards and Celebration

Short, joyful verses to write in a Christmas card, share with family, or read aloud on Christmas morning.

46 LUKE 1:46–47

"And Mary said: 'My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.'"

Mary's song begins here. Christmas joy starts with magnifying the Lord, not with the circumstances.

47 LUKE 1:68

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people."

Zacharias saw what Christmas meant: God has visited His people and redeemed them.

48 PSALM 98:4

"Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises."

The psalm behind "Joy to the World." All the earth is invited to sing.

49 ROMANS 15:13

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

A perfect Christmas blessing: may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.

50 ISAIAH 60:1

"Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you."

Your light has come. Christmas is an invitation to rise, shine and reflect His glory into the year ahead.

Fifty verses, one story: **God promised to come, and He kept His word.** The Child in the manger is the eternal Son, the Light of the world, the Savior who came to seek and save the lost, and the King whose kingdom will never end. Whatever this Christmas holds for you, the message of the angels has not changed: do not be afraid. Unto you is born a Savior.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You came quietly, into a world that had no room for You.
Make room in me this Christmas.
Quiet the noise long enough for me to hear the angels' news again:
that You came for me, that You are with me, that You will come again.
Let my heart be a place where You are welcomed and worshiped.

Amen.

My Christmas reflections

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