The Birth of Yeshua

A Salvation Story

There are many things that Yeshua did, which if they would all be written, I suppose that even the world itself wouldn't have room for the books that would be written. John 21:25

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Once upon a time in Galilee, in the city of Nazareth, there was a young woman whose name was Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph. Mary was a humble follower of the Most High God, Yahweh.



One day an angel from Yahweh named Gabriel came to visit Mary. She trembled when she saw Gabriel shining like a star. Gabriel announced:

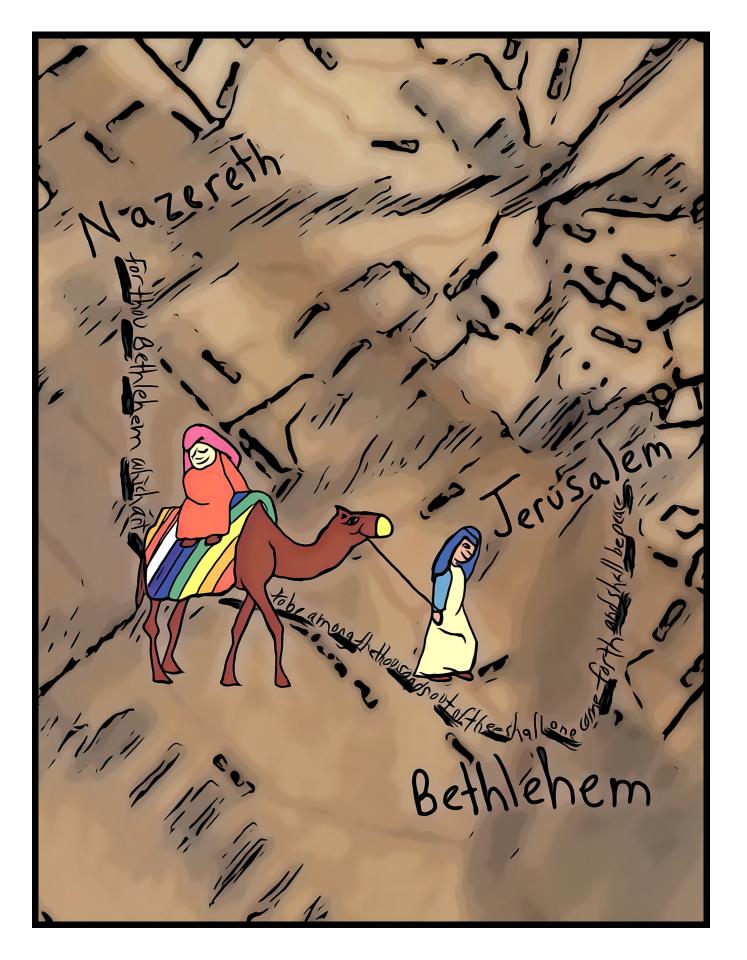
"Don't be afraid! I have come to deliver good news. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you will be pregnant with a child. This child shall be a very holy child. He will be called Yeshua, the Son of Yahweh and He will save the world."

The name Yeshua means salvation. Mary was amazed and answered, "I am Yahweh's servant, let it be done."



Then Mary went to her cousin Elizabeth's house, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. When Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, the baby inside her womb leaped for joy!

Mary said, "My soul praises the Lord. My spirit rejoices in Yahweh my Savior."



Now around the time of the fall Feast of Tabernacles, the ruler of the land wanted to count his people. He ordered a decree that everyone should go to the city of their birth to sign their names.

So Joseph took Mary, still being pregnant, and went out of the city of Nazareth to Bethlehem which is near Jerusalem.



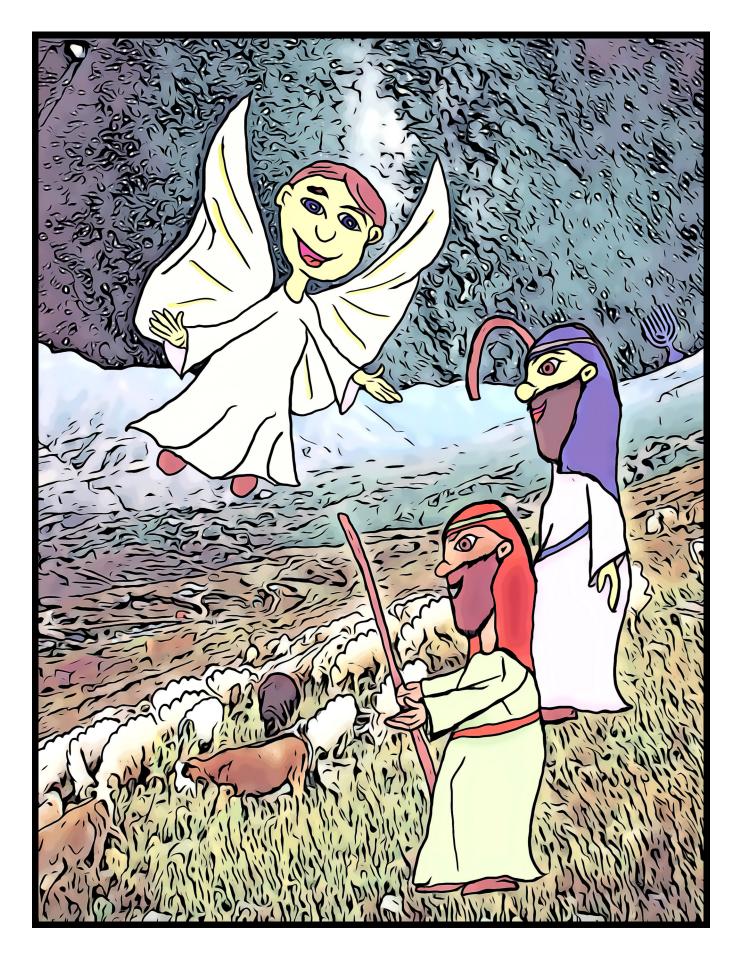
On the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the people gather in Jerusalem and sing a song that tells of Yahweh's coming salvation.

"Yahweh is my strength and song. He has become my salvation. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacle of the righteous!

This is the day that Yahweh has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!"



But while they were still in Bethlehem, Mary went into labor. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped Him in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in any of the inns.



On that same night, there were some shepherds in a nearby field. While the shepherds were tending to their sheep, Gabriel appeared to them. They trembled when they saw Gabriel shining like a star.

The angel said to them:

"Don't be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all the people. For there is born to you today, in Bethlehem, a Savior, who is the Messiah. You will find the baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

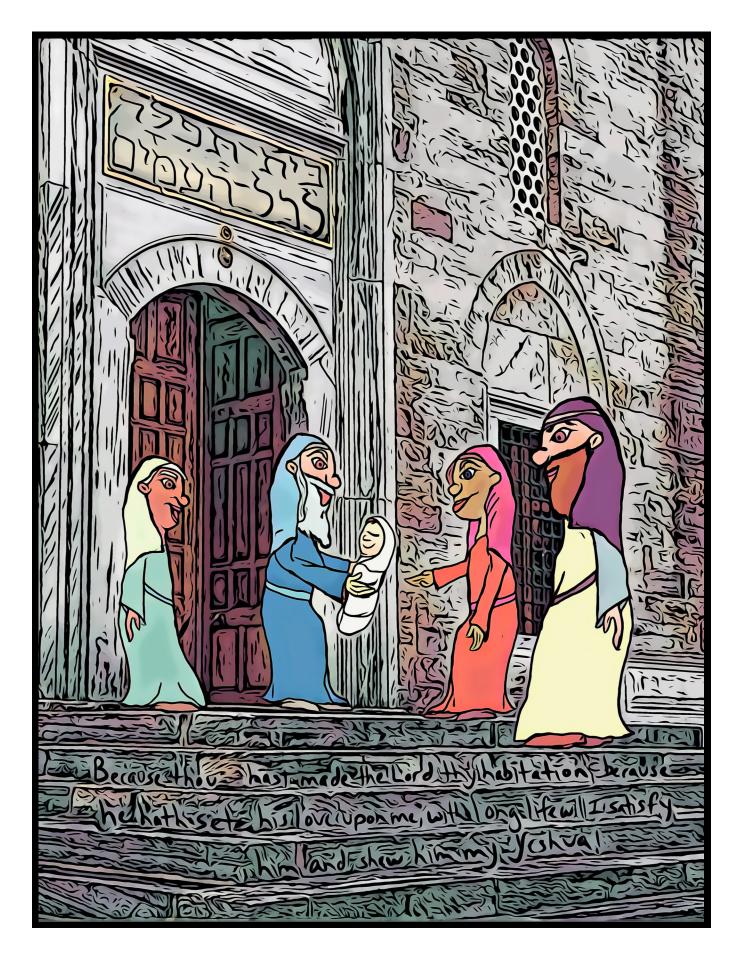
Suddenly, there were many heavenly angels praising God, and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."



After the angels went back to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem now and see this thing that has happened, which Yahweh has made known to us."

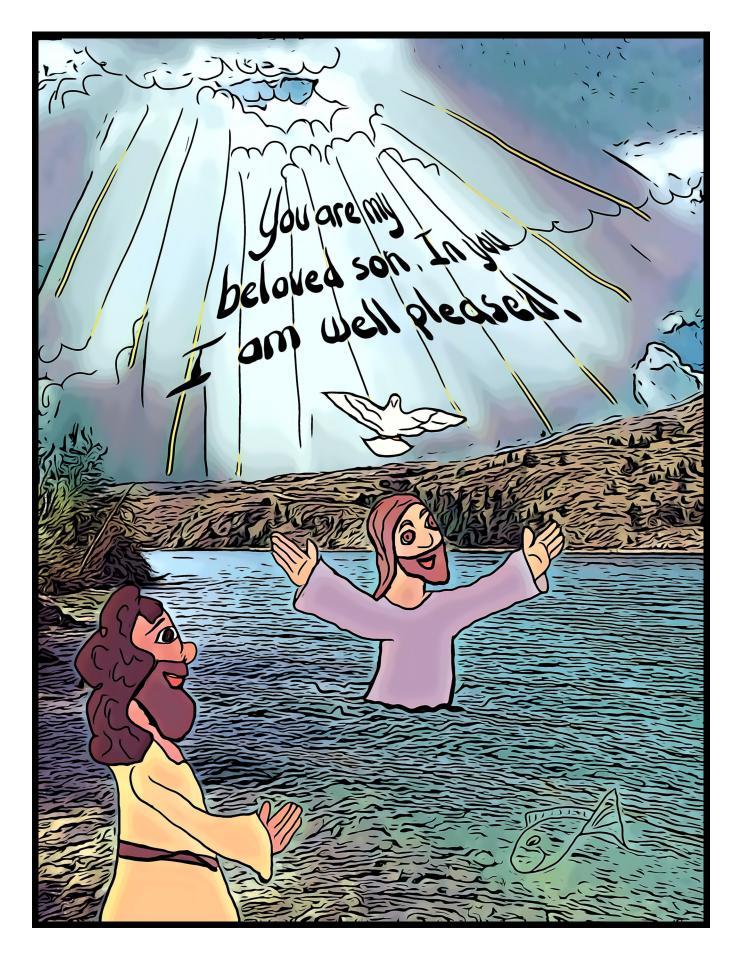
They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby was lying in the manger.



On the eighth day after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought the baby to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to Yahweh. They named him Yeshua, the name told to Mary by the angel.

Simeon and Anna were at the temple waiting for Him. Simeon held the child and blessed Yahweh announcing:

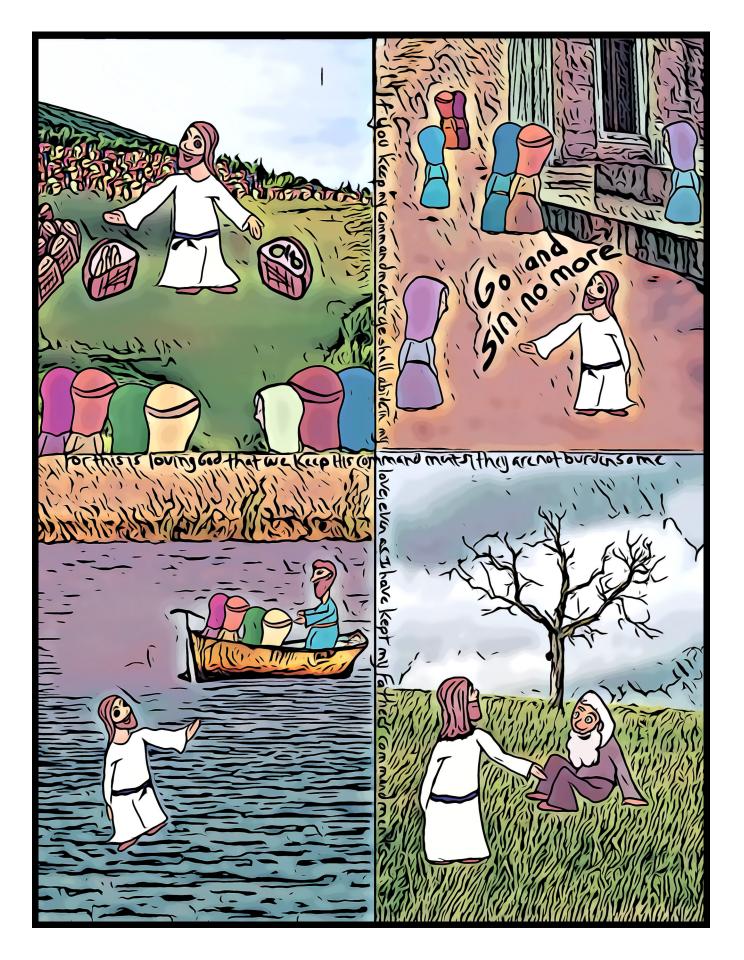
"My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before all people; a light to show Yahweh's love to all the children of the world"



Yeshua grew up in wisdom and in favor with Yahweh and men. One day when they were older, John the Baptist saw Yeshua coming to him and declared,

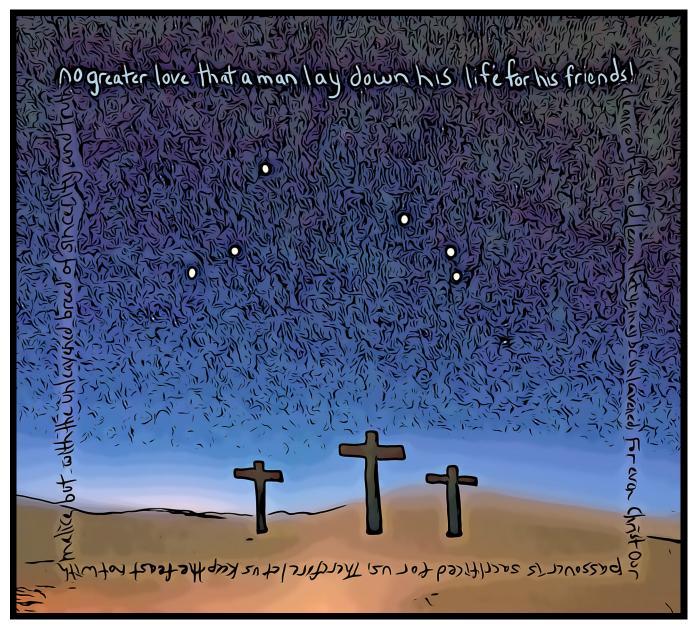
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John baptized Yeshua and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in a shape like a dove and a voice spoke from heaven.



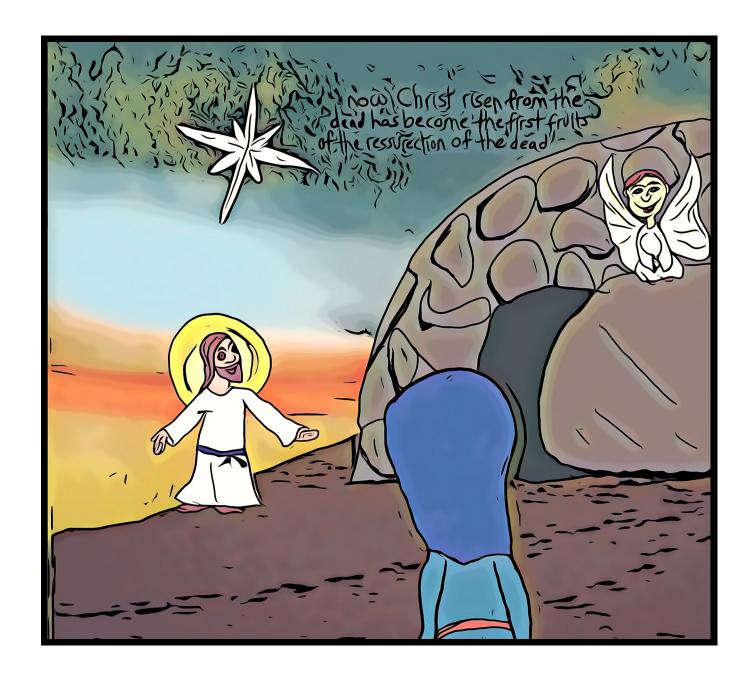
There were so many good things that Yeshua did. He healed the sick, the blind, and the crippled, and fed the hungry.

He taught about His Heavenly Father and how to live in a way pleasing to Yahweh. Because He lived without sinning, He was holy and acceptable to Yahweh.



When He was about thirty-three years old, on the Feast of Passover, Yeshua was crucified for no fault of His own. Because He willingly laid down His life even though He was sinless and without blemish, He paid the penalty for our sins.

He became our salvation. He is the true Passover Lamb.



Three days later on the Feast of Firstfruits, Yahweh raised Him up from the dead. This showed that Yahweh accepted Yeshua as a Firstfruits offering gift. Yeshua was victorious over death!



Now the free gift of Yahweh to all of us is eternal life through His Son. Yeshua taught that whoever accepts this gift of salvation, He gives the right to become sons and daughters of Yahweh.

Yeshua will write our names in the Book of Life!



Forty days after FirstFruits, Yeshua went up to the heavenly tabernacle to prepare a place for us in our Father's house.

Ten days later, on the Feast of Pentecost, all of Yeshua's friends were gathered in Jerusalem. It was then that Yahweh sent His Holy Spirit to help and comfort us while we wait for Yeshua to return.

His Holy Spirit teaches us about our Heavenly Father and reminds us of all the things Yeshua said and did.



It is good to remember this story because one day soon Yeshua will return for us. Yahweh, who raised Yeshua from the dead, will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts.

Then everyone whose name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be with Him forever. There will be no more tears, sickness, pain, or hunger, no more hurt, sadness or sin.

Now this is eternal life, to know Yahweh, the only true God and His Son whom He sent, Yeshua!