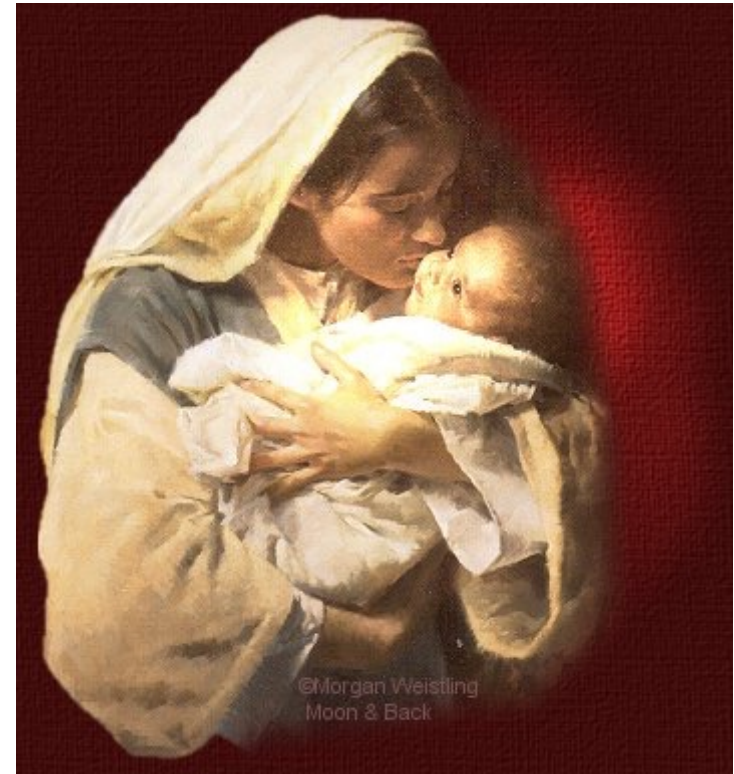


We are convinced that there is no greater subject than the Life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Years ago the Oxford luminary and author Dorothy Sayers graphically described the coming of the Lord Jesus to our world as “the most exciting drama that ever staggered the imagination of man.” And it is! The great Creator of the vast universe, the eternal Being without beginning or end, became a man in time and space. His coming to Earth was not to commence a new religion or to supply us with rules to live by. He came, He said, “to seek and to save that which was lost”; “to give His life a ransom for many”; “that the world through Him might be saved.” His mother Mary grasped something of the importance of this for she confessed, “My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” While there are forces that would like to change this, it is still the case that His coming divides time into BC (before Christ) and AD (year of our Lord). But His death - the very purpose for which He came - divides eternity (Heaven and Hell). Those who trust Him as Savior “have everlasting life and shall not come into judgment.” To reject Him will mean to perish forever.

As tonight’s carol states, He is “the Lord of all creation”; He is “the Great I AM.” He will save you if you turn to Him today. Although we had no room for Him when He came, He has room in Heaven for you. His promise is, “Him that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out.”

***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16)***



*Mary, Did You Know?*

**“When the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that He might redeem them which were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”  
(Galatians 4:4, 5 RV).**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would someday walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Will save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered  
Will soon deliver you.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again;  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb

Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Will calm the storm with His hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby  
You've kissed the face of God.

Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding  
Is the Great I Am

(Written by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene)

“He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world *knew* Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name” (John 1:10-12).

“But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, Whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses ... And now, brothers, I *know* that you *acted in ignorance*, as did also your rulers” (Acts 3:14-17, ESV).

“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they *did not recognize Him* nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning Him. And though they found in Him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have Him executed. And when they had carried out all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead” (Acts 13:26-30 ESV).

“None of the princes of this world *knew*: for had they *known* it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory” (1 Cor 2:8).

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may *know* that you have eternal life.”  
(1 John 5:13, ESV).

“And we *know* that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may *know* Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life” (1 John 5:20).