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THE GOSPEL HISTORY
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST.

JESUS THE WORD OF GOD.

1. *The divinity, humanity, and office of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and himself God.*

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not. There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the light. There was the true light, even the light which lighteth every man, coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.

1. S. John i. 1—14.

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2 JESUS THE SON OF DAVID AND OF ABRAHAM.

2. *The genealogy of Jesus Christ from Abraham to Joseph.*

- THE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
- 1 Chron. 17. 12... of David, the son of Abraham.
Ps. 89. 27... Abraham begat Isaac; and Uzziah begat Jotham;
Gen. 22. 18. and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Jotham;
and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren; and Jotham begat Ahaz;
5 and Judah begat Perez and Hezekiah begat Manasseh;
and Zerah of Tamar; and Hezron begat Ram;
and Hezron begat Ram; and Ram begat Amminadab;
and Ammon begat Amon;
and Ammon begat Josiah;
10 and Nahshon begat Salmon; and Josiah begat Jechoniah and his brethren, at the time of the carrying away to Babylon.
and Salmon begat Boaz of Rahab; And after the carrying away to Babylon,
and Boaz begat Obed of Ruth; Jechoniah begat Shealtiel; 30
and Obed begat Jesse; and Shealtiel begat Zerubbabel;
and Jesse begat David the king. and Zerubbabel begat Abiud;
15 And David begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Uriah; and Abiud begat Eliakim;
and Solomon begat Rehoboam; and Eliakim begat Azor; 35
and Rehoboam begat Abijah; and Azor begat Sadoc;
and Abijah begat Asa; and Sadoc begat Achim;
and Asa begat Jehoshaphat; and Achim begat Eliud;
20 and Jehoshaphat begat Joram; and Eliud begat Eleazar;
and Eleazar begat Matthan;
and Matthan begat Jacob; 40
and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.
- 1 Ch. 22. 1; So all the generations from Abraham unto David are
— 22. 11; fourteen generations; and from David unto the carrying
— 24. 27; away to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the carrying
45 away to Babylon unto the Christ fourteen generations.

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JESUS THE SON OF MAN.

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3. *The age and genealogy of Christ from Joseph upwards.*

AND Jesus himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Num. 4. 3. Joseph,

	the son of Heli,	40 the son of Mattatha,	
	the son of Matthat,	the son of Nathan,	
	the son of Levi,	the son of David,	1 Chron.
5	the son of Melchi,	the son of Jesse,	17. 12...
	the son of Jannai,	the son of Obed,	Ps. 89. 27...
	the son of Joseph,	45 the son of Boaz,	
	the son of Mattathias,	the son of Salmon,	
	the son of Amos,	the son of Nahshon,	
10	the son of Nahum,	the son of Amminadab,	
	the son of Esli,	the son of Arni,	
	the son of Naggai,	50 the son of Hezron,	
	the son of Maath,	the son of Perez,	
	the son of Mattathias,	the son of Judah,	
15	the son of Semein,	the son of Jacob,	
	the son of Josech,	the son of Isaac,	
	the son of Joda,	55 the son of Abraham,	Gen. 22. 18.
	the son of Joanan,	the son of Terah,	
	the son of Rhesa.	the son of Nahor,	
20	the son of Zerubbabel,	the son of Serug,	
	the son of Shealtiel,	the son of Reu,	
	the son of Neri,	60 the son of Peleg,	
	the son of Melchi,	the son of Eber,	
	the son of Addi,	the son of Shelah,	
25	the son of Cosam,	the son of Cainan,	
	the son of Elmadam,	the son of Arphaxad,	
	the son of Er,	65 the son of Shem,	
	the son of Jesus,	the son of Noah,	
	the son of Eliezer,	the son of Lamech,	
30	the son of Jorim,	the son of Methuselah,	
	the son of Matthat,	the son of Enoch,	
	the son of Levi,	70 the son of Jared,	
	the son of Symeon,	the son of Mahalaleel,	
	the son of Judas,	the son of Cainan,	
35	the son of Joseph,	the son of Enos,	
	the son of Jonam,	the son of Seth,	
	the son of Eliakim,	75 the son of Adam,	Gen. 3. 15.
	the son of Melea,	the son of God.	
	the son of Menna,		

3. S. Luke iii. 23—38.

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4 S. LUKE'S PLAN. JOHN BAPTIST

4. *The plan and purpose of S. Luke's Gospel.*

FORASMUCH as many have taken in hand to draw up a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus; that thou mightest know the certainty concerning the things wherein thou wast instructed.

Acts 10. 41. 5
Acts 1. 1.
Gal. 6. 6
Gr.

5. *Birth of John Baptist promised.*

THERE was in the days of Herod, king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abijah: and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were *now* well stricken in years.

1Ch. 24. 10.
Gen. 7. 1.
Phil. 3. 6.

Now it came to pass, while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the hour of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn unto the Lord their God. And he shall go before his face in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to walk in the wisdom of the just; to make

2 Ch. 8. 14. 10
Ex. 30. 7. 5
Ex. 30. 1. 15
Jud. 13. 22.
Num. 6. 3.
Jud. 13. 7.
Mal. 4. 5. 25

4. S. Luke 1. 1—4.

5. S. Luke 1. 5—25.

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30 ready for the Lord a people prepared for him. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to bring thee these good tidings. And behold, thou shalt be silent and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass, because thou believedst not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they marvelled while he tarried in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: and he continued making signs unto them, and remained dumb. And it came to pass, when the days of his ministration were fulfilled, he departed unto his house.

And after these days Elisabeth his wife conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord done unto me in the days wherein he looked upon me, to take away my reproach among men.

6. *The Annunciation. Visit to Elisabeth. Magnificat.*

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee. But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come

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upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall over-
shadow thee: wherefore also that which is to be born 20
Jn. 20. 31. shall be called holy, the Son of God. And behold,
Elisabeth thy kinswoman, she also hath conceived a son
in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that
Is. 55. 11. was called barren. For no word from God shall be
Rom. 4. 21. void of power. And Mary said, Behold, the handmaid 25
of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And
the angel departed from her.

And Mary arose in these days and went into the hill
Jos. 21. 9.. country with haste, into a city of Judah; and entered
into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabeth. And 30
it came to pass, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of
Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was
filled with the Holy Ghost; and she lifted up her voice
with a loud cry, and said, Blessed art thou among
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And 35
whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should
come unto me? For behold, when the voice of thy
salutation came into mine ears, the babe leaped in my
womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed; for
there shall be a fulfilment of the things which have been 40
spoken to her from the Lord. And Mary said,

1 Sa. 2. 1... My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
1 Sa. 1. 11. For he hath looked upon the low estate of his
handmaiden:
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall 45
call me blessed.
Ps. 126. 2.. For he that is mighty hath done to me great
things;
Ps. 111. 9. And holy is his name.
Ps. 103. 17. And his mercy is unto generations and generations
On them that fear him.
Is. 52. 10. He hath shewed strength with his arm; 50
Ps. 33. 10; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination
— 89. 10. of their heart.
Job 12. 19; He hath put down princes from their thrones,
— 5. 11. And hath exalted them of low degree.
Ps. 107. 9; The hungry he hath filled with good things;
— 34. 10. And the rich he hath sent empty away. 55
Is. 41. 8. He hath holpen Israel his servant,
Mic. 7. 20. That he might remember mercy

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JOSEPH. JOHN BAPTIST BORN.

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(As he spake unto our fathers)

Toward Abraham and his seed for ever.

Gen. 17. 19.

60 And Mary abode with her about three months, and
returned unto her house.**7. *The conception immaculate.***

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise :
When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph,
before they came together she was found with child of
the Holy Ghost. And Joseph her husband, being a
5 righteous man, and not willing to make her a public
example, was minded to put her away privily. But Deut. 24. 1.
when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the
Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph,
thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy
10 wife : for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy
Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son ; and thou shalt
call his name JESUS ; for it is he that shall save his Nu. 13. 16.
people from their sins. Now all this is come to pass, Acts 4. 12.
that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord
15 through the prophet, saying,

Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall Is. 7. 14.
bring forth a son,

And they shall call his name Immanuel ;
which is, being interpreted, God with us. And Joseph
arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord
20 commanded him, and took unto him his wife ; and knew
her not till she had brought forth a son : and he called
his name JESUS.

8. *Birth of John Baptist. Benedictus.*

Now Elisabeth's time was fulfilled that she should be
delivered ; and she brought forth a son. And her neigh-
bours and her kinsfolk heard that the Lord had magni-
fied his mercy towards her ; and they rejoiced with her.
5 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that they came Gen. 17. 12.
to circumcise the child ; and they would have called him Lev. 12. 3.
Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother
answered and said, Not so ; but he shall be called John.
And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred

7. S. Matt. 1. 18—25.

8. S. Luke 1. 57—80.

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- that is called by this name. And they made signs to
his father, what he would have him called. And he
2 Cor. 3. 3. asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, His name
is John. And they marvelled all. And his mouth was
Eze. 3. 27. opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake,
— 24. 27. blessing God. And fear came on all that dwelt round
15 about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad
throughout all the hill country of Judæa. And all that
heard them laid them up in their heart, saying, What
Neh. 2. 8. then shall this child be? For the hand of the Lord was
Acts 11. 21. with him. 20
- And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy
Ghost, and prophesied, saying,
1 Ki. 1. 48. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
Ex. 3. 16. For he hath visited and wrought redemption for his
— 4. 31. people,
Ps. 132. 17. And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us
Jer. 23. 5; In the house of his servant David 25
— 30. 9. (As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets
Acts 3. 24. which have been since the world began),
Ps. 106. 10. Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of
all that hate us;
Ps. 105. 8. To shew mercy towards our fathers,
— 106. 45. And to remember his holy covenant;
Ge. 22. 16. The oath which he sware unto Abraham our father, 30
Mic. 7. 20. To grant unto us that we being delivered out of the
hand of our enemies
1 Jn. 4. 18. Should serve him without fear,
Eph. 4. 24. In holiness and righteousness before him all our
1 Pet. 1. 15. days.
Yea and thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of
the Most High:
Is. 40. 3. For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to 35
Mal. 3. 1. make ready his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people
In the remission of their sins,
Because of the tender mercy of our God,
Nu. 24. 17. Whereby the dayspring from on high shall visit us,
Mal. 4. 2. To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the 40
Is. 9. 2. shadow of death;
To guide our feet into the way of peace.
1 Sa. 3. 19. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and
was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

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Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to enrol themselves, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enrol himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child. And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Acts 5. 37.

1 Sa. 16. 1.

Jn. 7. 42.

Ezek. 16. 4.

10. *Shepherds at Bethlehem.*

AND there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Gen. 12. 3.

Is. 9. 6.

Rev. 5. 11..

Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

Is. 26. 3.

— 57. 19.

And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they saw it, they made known concerning the

9. S. Luke 11. 1—7.

10. S. Luke 11. 8—20.

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CIRCUMCISION. SIMEON.

saying which was spoken to them about this child. And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds. But Mary kept ²⁵ Gen. 37. 11. all these sayings, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken unto them.

11. *Circumcision. Presentation. Nunc Dimittis.*
Anna.

Gen. 17. 12. AND when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called JESUS, which was so called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Lev. 12. 2. And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to ⁵ Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord (as it is written in Ex. 13. 2. the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord), and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord,

Lev. 12. 8. A pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons. And be- ¹⁰ hold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he ¹⁵ had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law, then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, ²⁰

Gen. 46. 30. Now lettest thou thy servant depart, O Lord,
According to thy word, in peace;

Is. 40. 5.
— 52. 10. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all
peoples;

Is. 9. 2;
— 35. 7;
— 49. 6. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, ²⁵
And the glory of thy people Israel.

Is. 8. 14. And his father and his mother were marvelling at the things which were spoken concerning him; and Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the falling and rising up of many in ³⁰ Israel; and for a sign which is spoken against; yea Rom. 9. 32.

11. S. Luke 11. 21—40.