

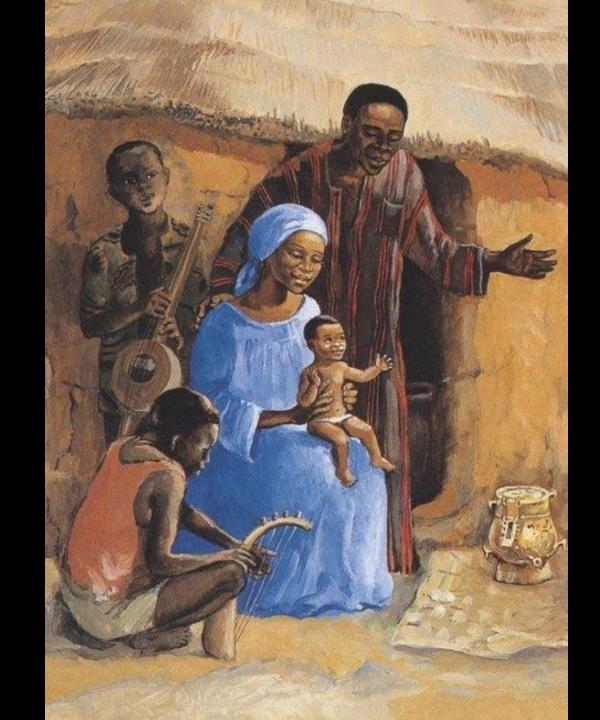
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Isaiah 9:2



A Visit

John Swanson Los Angeles, CA For a child has been born for us ... and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



Holy Family

JESUS MAFA Cameroon Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

Psalm 96:11



Fish Wall East -- Mosaic with Creation motif, Apopka, FL

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all ...

Titus 2:11



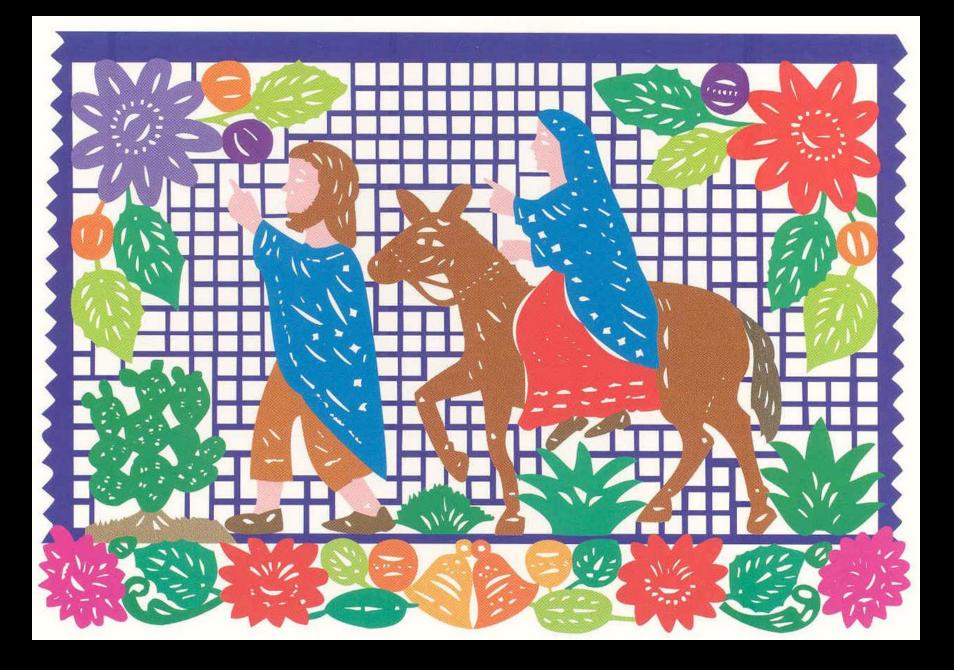
In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

Luke 2:1

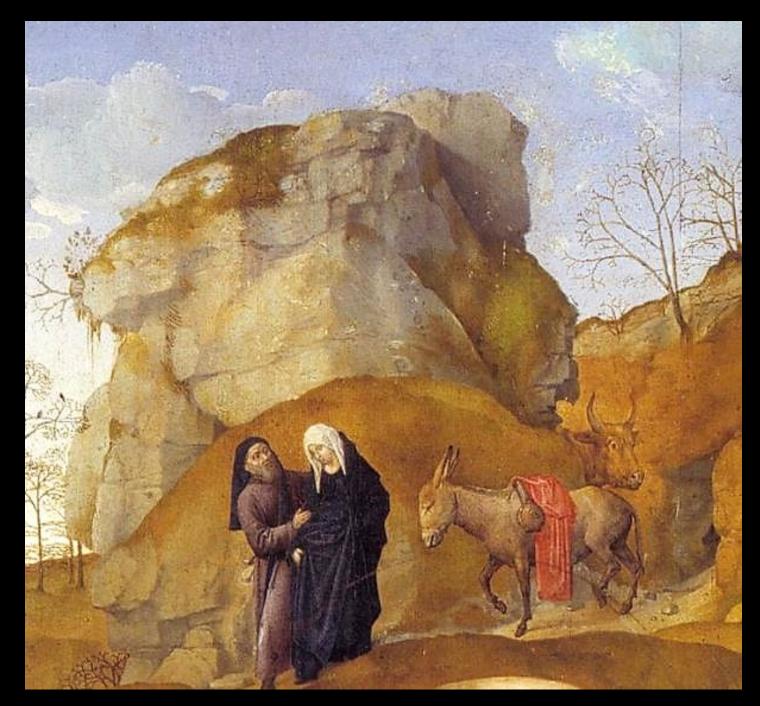
**Emperor Augustus** 

National Archaeological Museum Athens, Greece Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

Luke 2:4



He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.



Journey to Bethlehem, detail

Hugo van der Goes Uffizi Gallery Florence, Italy While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

Luke 2:6



Difficult Journey

Fritz von Uhde Neue Pinakothek Munich, Germany And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger,

Luke 2:7a



The Birth of Jesus

Chinese print from painting



Christ is Born

Father Georges Saget Keur Moussa Abbey Keur Moussa, Senegal because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7b



No Room in the Inn -- Peter Busch, Sand sculpture, Canary Islands, Spain

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