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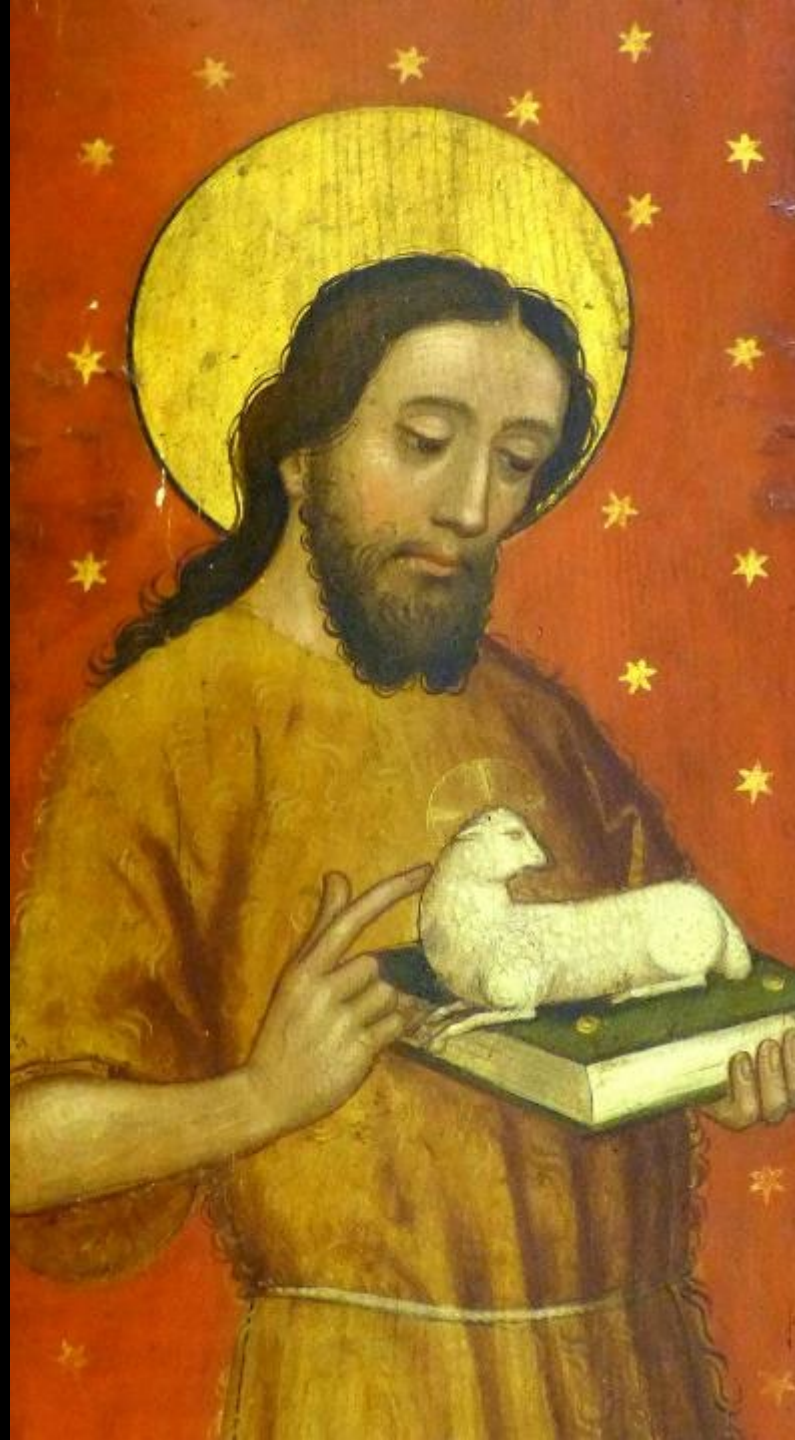
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Malachi 3:1-4 - Luke 1:68-79 - Philippians 1:3-11 - Luke 3:1-6

See, I am sending my messenger to  
prepare the way before me ... indeed,  
he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:1ac

John the Baptist  
Altar of St. Catherine  
Church of St. John and St.  
Martin  
Schwabach, Germany



"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ...  
He has raised up a mighty savior for  
us in the house of his servant David,

Luke 1:68a, 69a

Mary and the Child  
Jesus

JESUS MAFA  
Cameroon



And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High ... to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

Luke 1:76a, 77



Christ Child Teaching in the Temple -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break  
upon us,

Luke 1:78



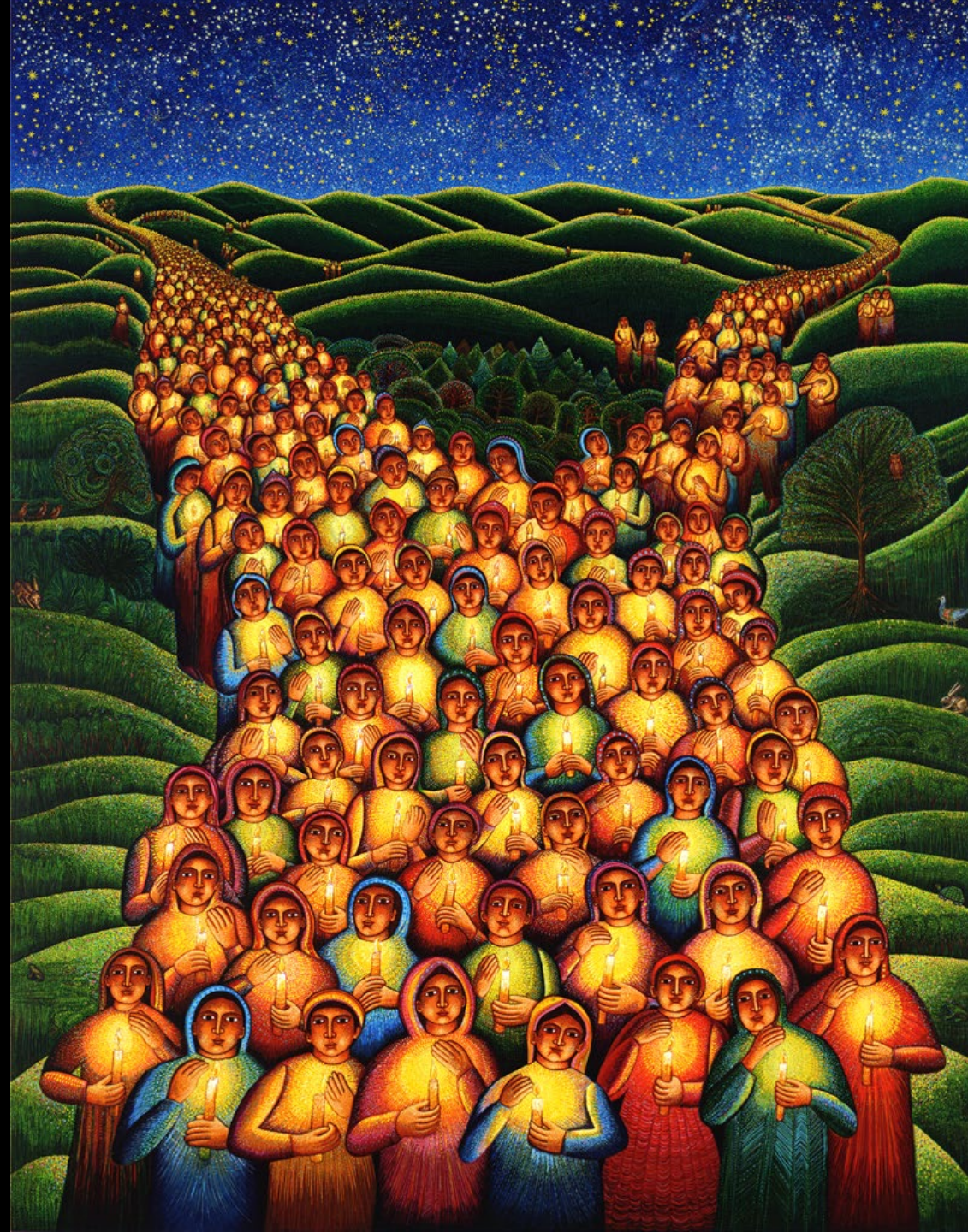


Kenyan Nativity, 2007

to give light to those who sit in  
darkness and in the shadow of  
death, to guide our feet into the  
way of peace."

Luke 1:79

Festival of Lights  
John August Swanson



And this is my prayer, that your love  
may overflow ... having produced the  
harvest of righteousness that comes  
through Jesus Christ ...

Philippians 1:9a,11a



Christmas Eve -- Carlton Smith, 1901

... the word of God came to John  
son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

Luke 3:2b

John the Baptist in the  
Wilderness

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He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

Luke 3:3





John the Baptist Preaching -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

as it is written ...

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Luke 3:4

John the Baptist  
Jan van Eyck  
Ghent Altarpiece  
St. Bavo Cathedral  
Ghent, Belgium



Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill  
shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

Luke 3:5

St. Christopher and  
the Christ Child on  
the Road of Life

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and all flesh shall see  
the salvation of God."

Luke 3:6



Angels Attend Mary and Jesus -- India, c. 1665, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA

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