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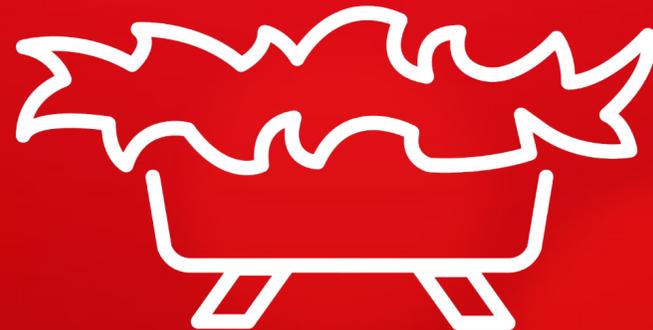
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Cradle

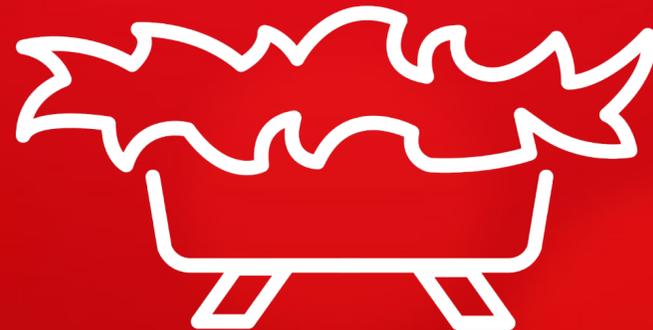
Matthew 1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus Christ

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.



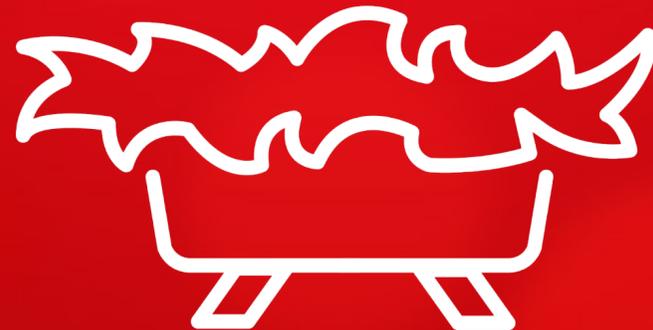
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²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

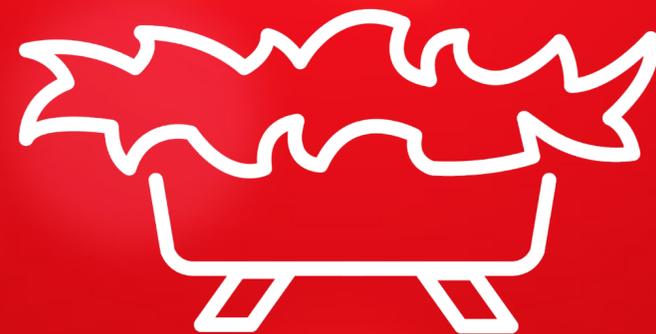


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²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

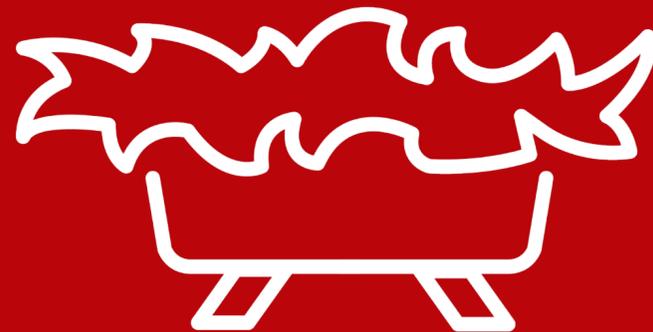


**Only in Jesus do we
ever see a God willing
to come near to us.**



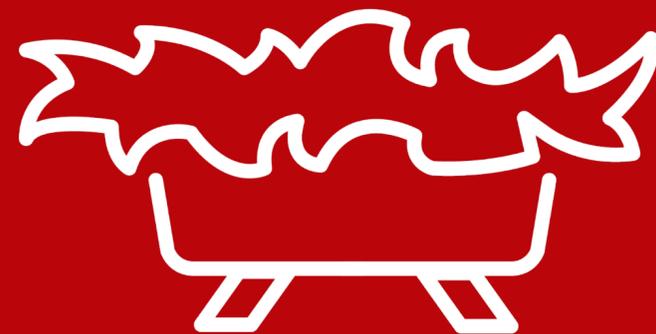
1 John 4:9

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.



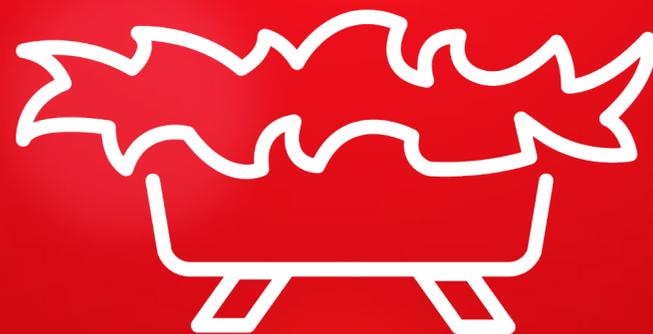
John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father.

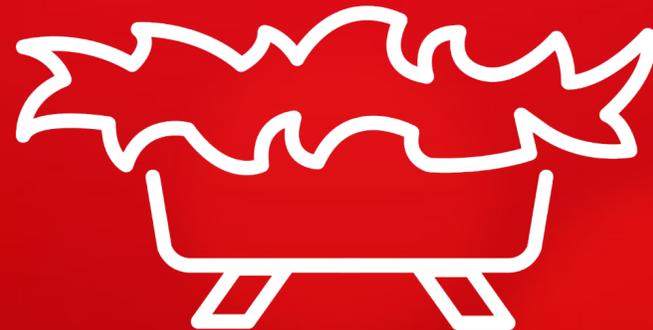


**...God has done
astonishing and costly
things to draw us near...**

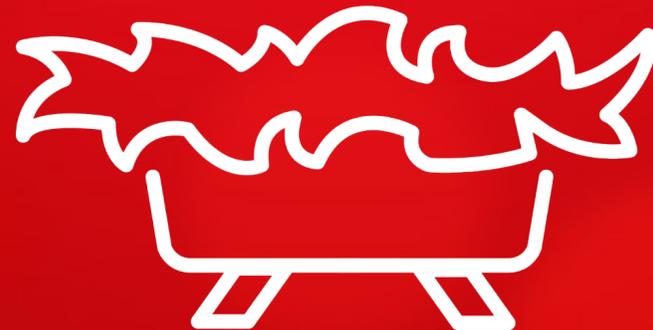
- *John Piper*



“He lies in a manger but he holds the world in his hand; he is nourished at the breast but he feeds the angels; he is wrapped in swaddling clothes but he clothes us with immortality; he is suckled but is adored; he does not find room in the inn but makes a temple for himself in the hearts of believers.



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For strength took on weakness that weakness might become strong. Therefore, let us marvel at rather than despise his human birth; from it let us learn the lowliness which such loftiness assumed for our sake. Then let us enkindle our love so that we may come to his eternal day.”

- Augustine

