



VOICES OF ADVENT



ZECHARIAH



ELIZABETH



MARY



JOSEPH

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PSALM 130:7-8 ^{NIV}

Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
⁸ He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

ISAIAH 7:14 ^{ESV}

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
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MATTHEW 1:24-25 ^{ESV}

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.



Joseph demonstrated real love
by adopting Jesus as his son.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

ROMANS 8:14-17 ^{ESV}

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but **you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons**, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God**,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—**heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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GALATIANS 4:4-7 ^{ESV}

But when the fullness of time had come, **God sent forth his Son, born of woman**, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, **so that we might receive adoption as sons.** ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then **an heir through God.**

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

1 JOHN 3:1a ^{ESV}

See what kind of **love** the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

“Nobody is born into this world a child of the family of God. We are born as children of wrath. The only way we enter into the family of God is by adoption, and that adoption occurs when we are united to God’s only begotten Son by faith. When by faith we are united with Christ, we are then adopted into that family of whom Christ is the firstborn.”

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**God demonstrates real love
by adopting us as his children.**

