

A digital illustration of a city street at night. The buildings are dark with several windows glowing with a warm yellow light. The sky is a deep blue, filled with numerous small white stars. A large, bright white star with a prominent lens flare is positioned at the top center of the frame. The overall atmosphere is serene and celestial.

Be born in us

Matthew 2:18-25

¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, **she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.** ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

Matthew 2:18-25, NLT

²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For **the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.** ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 2:18-25, NLT

²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: ²³ **"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God with us.'"** ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

Matthew 2:18-25, NLT





O holy night the stars are
brightly shining
It is the night of our dear
Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin
and error pining
'Til He appeared and the
soul felt its worth



1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.



4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
o come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

²⁵ God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. ²⁶ This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people...

²⁷ ...And this is the secret: **Christ in you.**

Colossians 1:27, NLT