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<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> 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

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is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

# "Mystery" - Selah

Mystery, how He came to be a man, but greater still,
How His death was in His plan.

God predestined that His Son would die, and still He created man.

Oh, what love is this, that His death was in His hands.

# Philippians 2:6-8

- <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

## Leviticus 17:11

<sup>11</sup> For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

