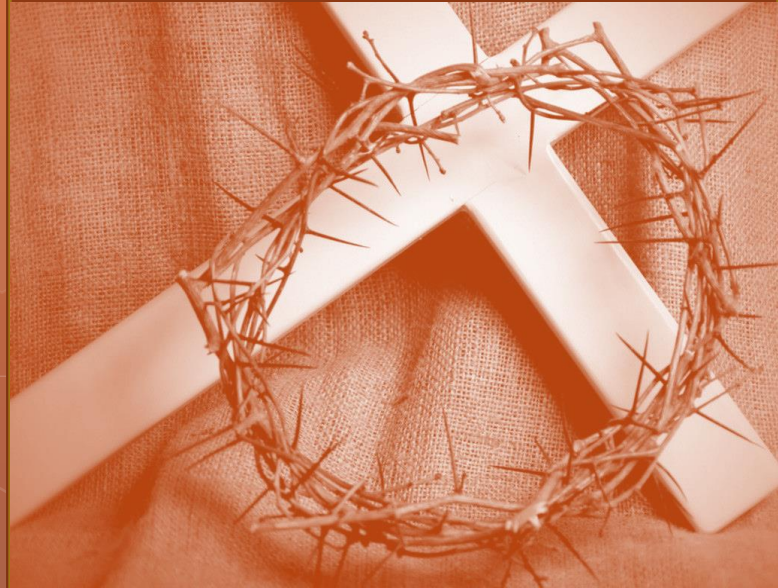


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“The fearless maidservant would carry her Creator in her womb. He has come to your face, O man, because you were unable to reach His face. And He who was invisible has become visible for your redemption. The One besought by your ancestors has come.

He lies in swaddling clothes, but He reigns in heaven. He rests humbly in a cradle, but He thunders amid the clouds.

The story of the nativity is one of miracle after miracle, all with the purpose of bring redemption to a humanity that could do nothing to save itself. God wanted his people to understand that He and He alone could finish His plan of redemption.” Classic Nativity Devotional

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