

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.



Annunciation to the Shepherds

Legion of Honor Museum San Francisco But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:



The Shepherds Visit the Christ Child -- Gaudin/Le Breton, Amiens Cathedral, Amiens, France

to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.



The Birth of Jesus with Shepherds -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

The Nativity

Ivory devotional panel
Victoria and Albert
Museum
London, England

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,



Angels Appearing to the Shepherds -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Smithsonian American Art Museum, DC

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"



Nativity Angel

Parliament House Brisbane, Australia When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."



African Nativity -- Church of the Epiphany, Decatur, GA

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.



Inuit Nativity -- Padron House Museum, Galdar, Spain

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;



The Nativity -- Matthias Stom, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC

and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

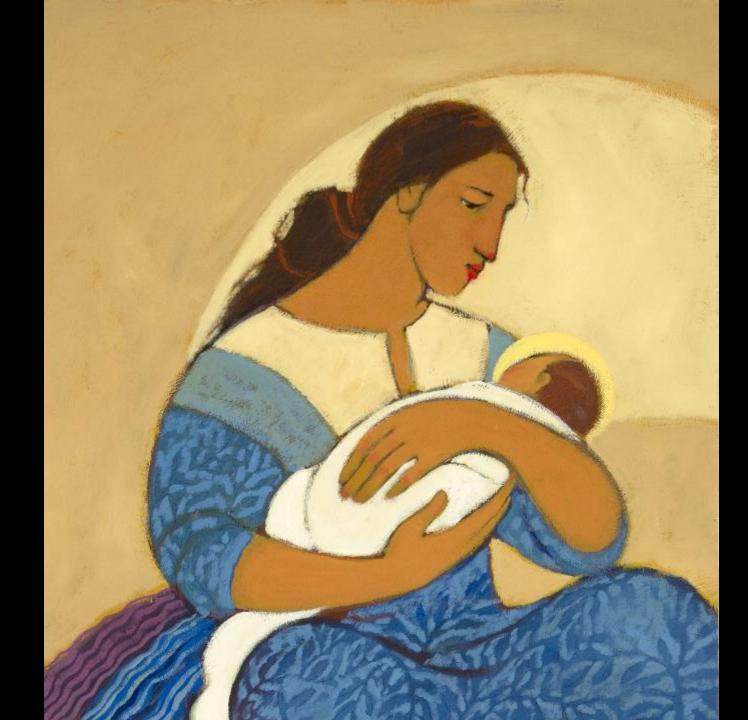
Matthew 2:18



## But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.



Study for The Nativity -- John Singleton Copley, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA



Mary and Jesus

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The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



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