

December 7

Matthew

1-4 Affirming Jesus' Royalty vs Satan's 3 Temptations

4 Invitation—*Come, Follow me*

Dec 22 *A History of Christmas*

5 True Righteousness

6 Treasure & Lord's Prayer

7 Authority Acknowledged

8 Every Life Valued – Jesus Heals

9 Mercy Extended – Jesus Heals

Raises from the Dead

10 Loyalty Tested – Sends 12 Out

11 Confronting Doubts – John the Baptist

Father Revealed in the Son

12 Rejecting Legalism – Sabbath & Satan

13 Judgment Coming – Parable of Sower



Matthew, c. 1625
by Frans Hal
(1580-1666)

Sea
of Galilee

Merry Christmas



**Christ in the Storm on the
Lake of Galilee, 1633**
Rembrandt (1606-1669)



SOMETIMES

We need to
get *express*
ourselves

Steve Harvey
introduces
Christ



Matthew 1-4 – Affirming Jesus' Royalty???

We do not normally think of Jesus as having “Royal Blood”

We do not like “Royal Blood” –

“Royal Blood” is the ultimate in UNMERITED FAVOR

“Royal Blood” is the ultimate Dismissal – *ALL others LESS THAN*

“Royal Blood” has always been a scam to Americans

Only Jesus' blood connected to God's promises
matters to us “Christians”

Jesus is the ONLY **King** of **Merit**

- ✓ ONLY King to whom we bow
- ✓ ONLY King who LOVES us
- ✓ ONLY King who's inheritance we **SHARE**
- ✓ ONLY King who gave **His Life** for you to have **Eternal Life**



Make no mistake – Jesus was born a King

- ✓ King of a Kingdom in Heaven & on Earth
- ✓ King of a unique people, separate, onery, still HIS
- ✓ King of a people BORN into a Heaven-bound Family
- ✓ King of ALL that has been, is, & ever shall be
- ✓ King of Satan, too, and King to the END of this World
- ✓ King of ALL the Redeemed of all the ages

More than a mere King, **He is MESSIAH**

9x in Matthw proofs given 1:22-23, 2:15, 2:17-18,
2:23, 4:14-16, 8:17, 12:17-21, 13:35, 27:9-10

Fulfillment of O.T. as **THE** Promised One

The Only Eternal Deliverer



**Make no mistake – Jesus IS the King for All Ages
However, for all of human history
From every corner of the world
Someone has ALWAYS wanted to be KING
Be that Dictator – Potentate – Sovereign – Monarch
Emperor – Tyrant – Ruler – Pharaoh – Warlord
Lord – Kingpin – Overlord
Caesar – Führer – Czar**

Only Jesus is the

Promised One

Only Eternal Deliverer



December 7, 1941

Dec 8, FDR to Congress,

“Date which will live in *INFAMY*”

USA Losses

4 battleships sunk
4 battleships damaged
1 ex-battleship sunk
1 harbor tug sunk
3 light cruisers damaged
3 destroyers damaged
3 other ships damaged
188 aircraft destroyed
159 aircraft damaged
2,008 sailors killed
109 Marines killed
218 soldiers killed
68 civilians killed
2,403 total killed
1,178 wounded

Japan Losses

4 midget sub sunk
1 midget sub grounded
29 aircraft destroyed
74 aircraft damaged
129 killed
1 sailor captured



Photograph of Battleship Row taken from a Japanese plane at the beginning of the attack. The explosion in the center is a torpedo strike on battleship *USS West Virginia*.

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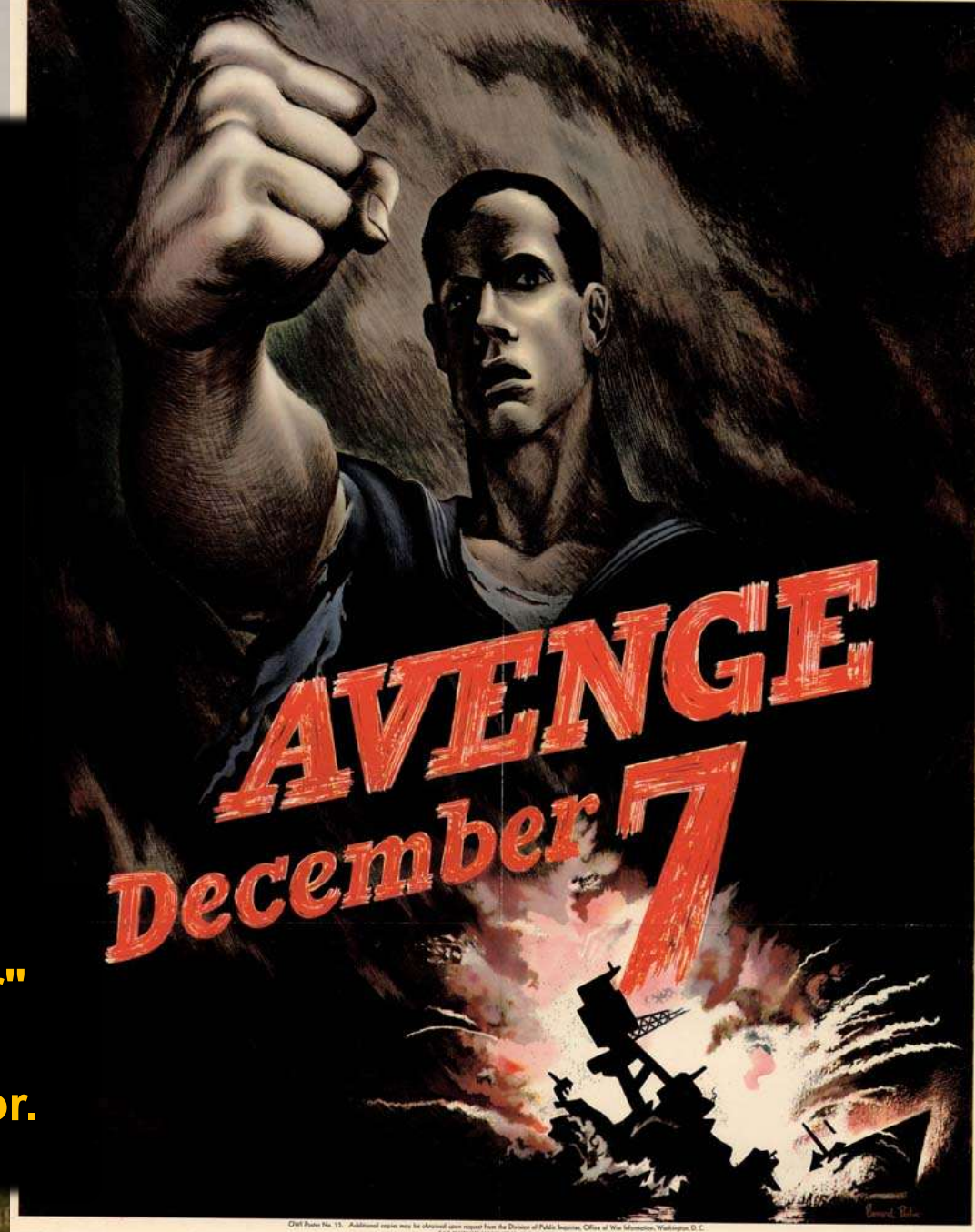
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poster issued in 1942
by the United States
Office of War Information

Though likely only from the movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!*,

Japanese Admiral Yamamoto,
"I fear all we have done is to
awaken a sleeping giant and fill
him with a terrible resolve,"

Tora! Tora! Tora! - means "tiger, tiger, tiger"
Japanese code to signal that complete
surprise had been achieved on Pearl Harbor.



Greatest Battle Ever WON – planned before the Foundation of the world

Outlined fairly well in the SHORT report in the Gospel of Matthew

- 1-2 Birth and Infancy of Jesus**
- 3-4 Beginning of Jesus's Ministry in Galilee**
- 5-7 Discourse 1—Sermon on the Mount**
- 8-9 Jesus's First Miracles**
- 10 Discourse 2—Ministry of Jesus's Disciples**
- 11-12 Responses to Jesus's Ministry**
- 13 Discourse 3—Parables about the Kingdom**

- 14-17 Close of Jesus' Ministry in Galilee**
- 18 Discourse 4—Character of Jesus' Disciples**
- 19-20 Jesus' Ministry on Way to Jerusalem**
- 21-23 Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem**
- 24-25 Discourse 5—Last Days: No One Knows the HOUR**
- 26-27 Betrayal, Crucifixion, Burial**
- 28 Resurrection & Commission**



Nearly Hidden in the Christmas story
are the vast ponderings of a young woman
Mark Lowry wrote the words in 1985, and
Buddy Greene wrote the music in 1991
First recorded by Michael English in 1991
At the time, English & Lowry were members
of the Gaither Vocal Band

**Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?**



Jesus by Ministry Area

1:1 to 4:11 Jesus Bethlehem, Egypt, back to Nazareth
 Judean Wilderness Baptism, more Wilderness

4:12 to 14:12 Jesus in Galilee BEGINS Ministry

14:13 to 17:21 Jesus in Tyre & Sidon

17:22 to 28:20 Jesus in Judea

Five Teaching Discourse Sections:

chapters 5-7 ~ 10 ~ 13 ~ 18 ~ 23-25

Each ending in “**When Jesus had finished**”
verses 7:28, 11:1, 13:53, 19:1, 26:1

And scattered in *unwritten* words are a mother's worries



Mary, Did You Know – by the Gaithers

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy

Would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know

That your baby boy

Has come to make you new?

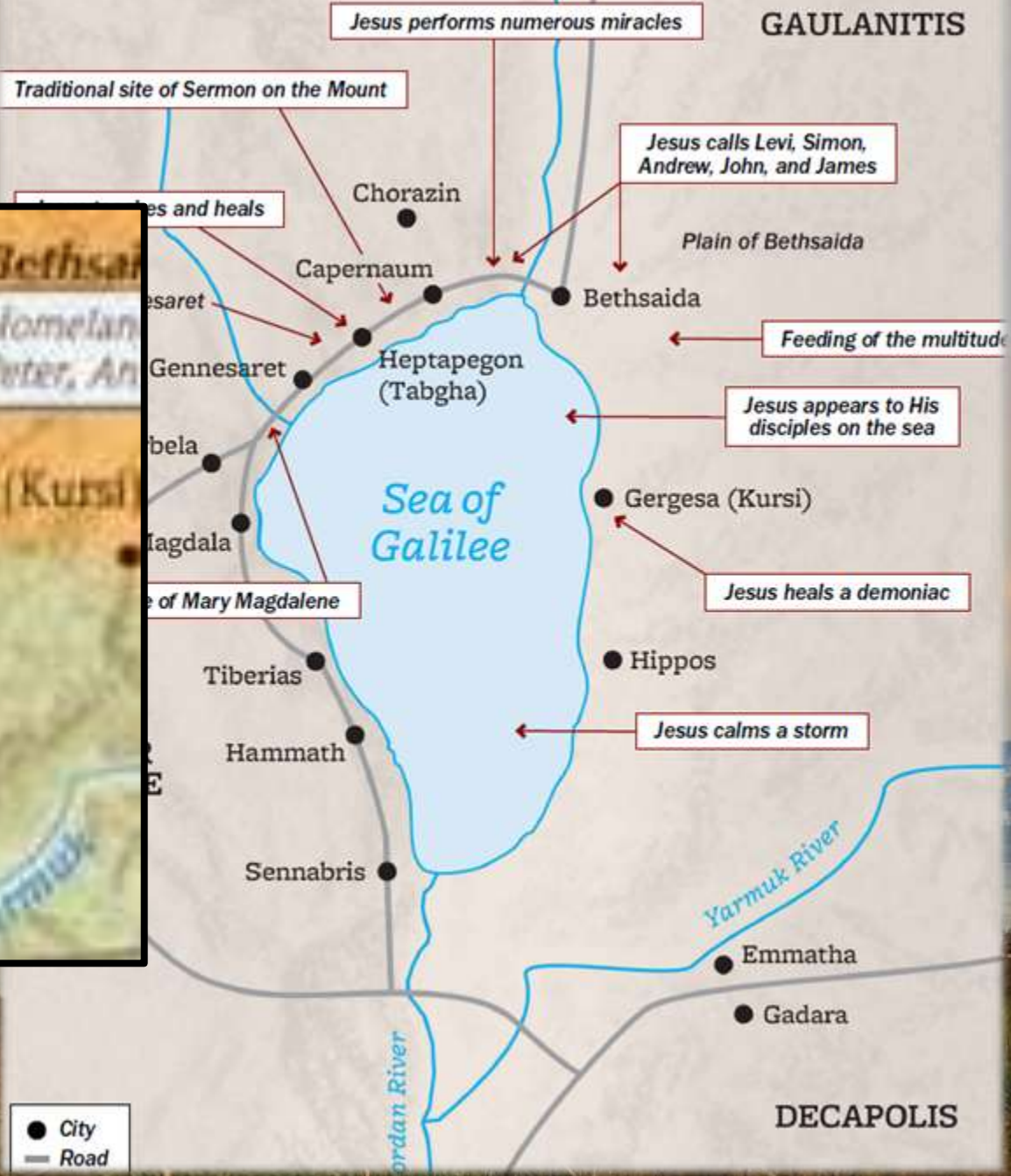
This Child that you delivered

Will soon deliver you



Sea of Galilee

GALILEE IN THE TIME
OF JESUS
ECONOMY:





panorama of the southern end - taken by Zachi Evenor, 2-5-2014

Sea of Galilee lowest freshwater lake in world

- ✓ **Around 700 feet below sea level**
- ✓ **About 13 miles long & 8 miles wide**
- ✓ **About 140 feet deep**
- ✓ **Fed mainly by Jordan River & a little by springs**

**Matthew 1:1 - This is the genealogy of Jesus Christ
the son of David, the son of Abraham....**

**Greek “Christou” = Christ, found 254x in N.T. of 538x in 5 variations
sometimes “Christou” is translated as “Messiah” = “Anointed One”
– CHRIST is the equivalent of the O.T. Hebrew MESSIAH**

1:1-17 gives 14 generations, then the CHRISTMAS STORY

**18 – Joseph finds Mary pregnant and loves her
to NOT follow the law & STONE HER**

**19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the LAW,
and yet DID NOT want to expose her to public disgrace,
he had in mind to divorce her quietly.**

**Deuteronomy is STILL the rock of Jews & Joseph
And Joseph did NOT want to follow the LAW**



Matthew 1:20-25 – Angel comes & SAVES Joseph & Mary's marriage

Matthew 1:23 – Angel quotes Isaiah 7:13

**“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel”**

***THE* CHRISTMAS STORY**

God rest ye, merry Gentlemen,

Let nothing you dismay,

For Jesus Christ our Saviour

Was born upon this Day.

To save poor souls from Satan's power,

Which long time had gone astray.

Which brings tidings of comfort & joy



Mary, Did You Know – by the Gaithers

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy

Will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy

Would calm a storm with His hand?



Matthew 2 – Magi from the East come to visit

Mark 1 - begins with John the Baptist

Luke 1-2 - with John the Baptist foretold,
Zechariah & Elizabeth, Angel to Mary
Shepherds see & come

John 1 – Word flesh, skips birth of John the Baptist

Matthew 2 – DRAMA as King Herod connives

Magi in Bethlehem give gold, frankincense & myrrh
3 Magi ??? with 3 Gifts – perhaps symbol of
a few say, symbol of Youth, Middle, & Old Age

Matthew 2 – Off to Egypt – then return to Nazareth

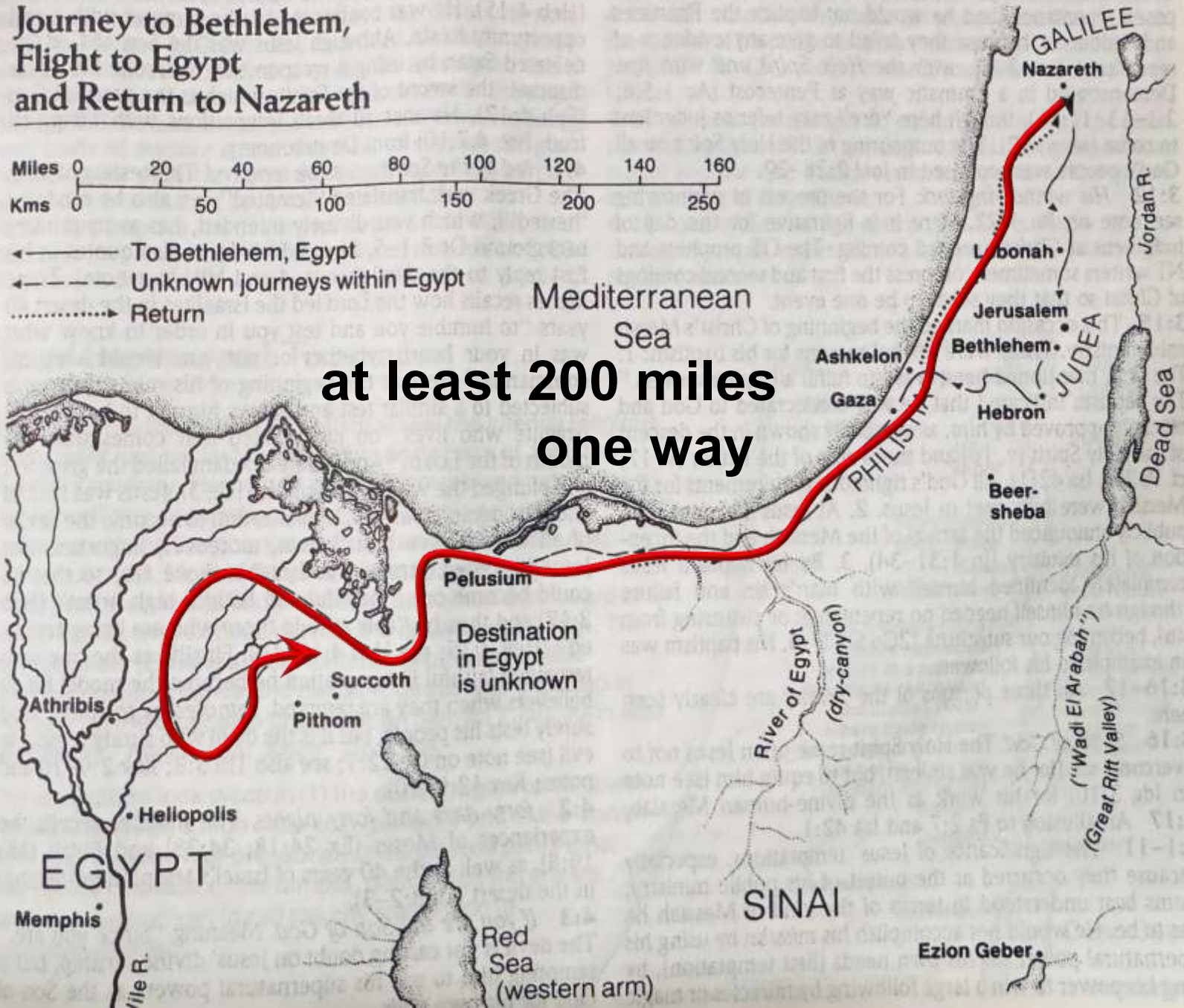


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Journey to Bethlehem, Flight to Egypt and Return to Nazareth

Miles 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160
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← To Bethlehem, Egypt
← Unknown journeys within Egypt
..... Return



Matthew 3 – John the Baptist Baptizes Jesus

Matthew describes John the Baptist as

Voice Crying in the Wilderness *quoting Is. 40:3*

Then Jesus comes to John to be baptized

3:16-17 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him.

Voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”



Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan Tempts Jesus

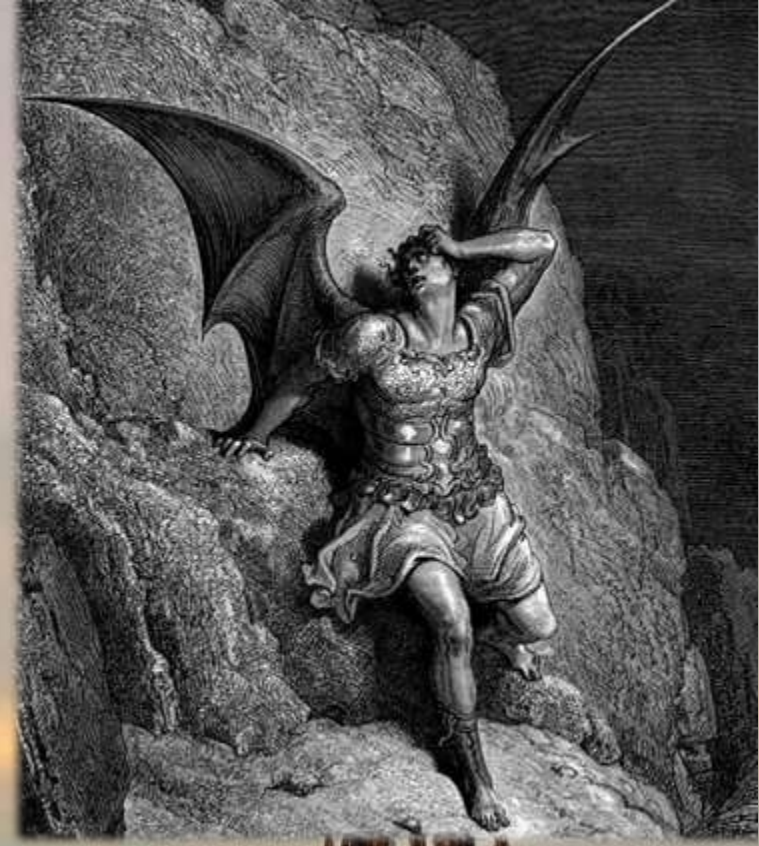
One of the most extraordinary N.T. passages
Then Jesus comes to John to be baptized

1-3 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the
wilderness to be tempted by the DEVIL.

After 40 days fasting, the “**tempter**” came ...



Christ in the Wilderness
by Moretto da Brescia, c. 1515-1520
New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art



Satan, by Gustave Doré,
illustrated in John Milton's
Paradise Lost c. 1866

Mary, Did You Know – by the Gaithers

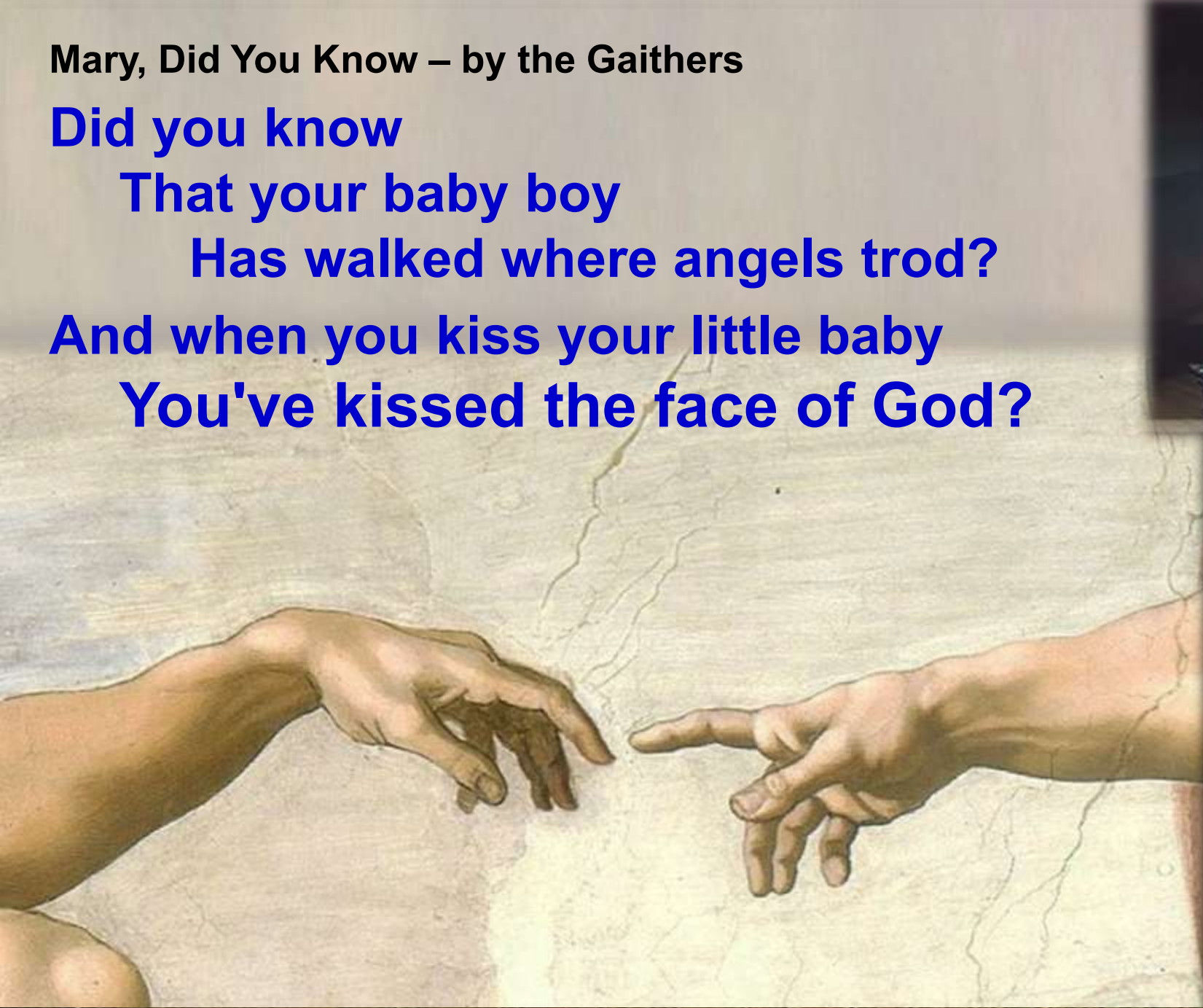
Did you know

That your baby boy

Has walked where angels trod?

And when you kiss your little baby

You've kissed the face of God?





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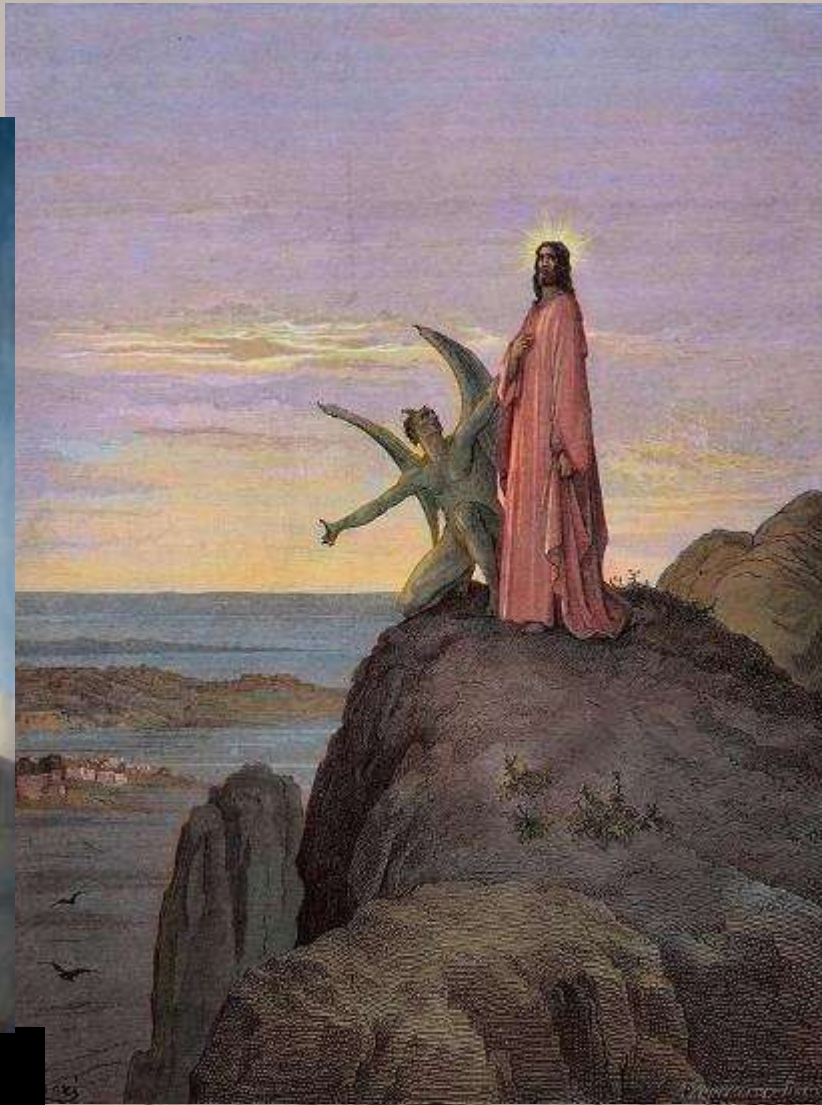


Christ Tempted by the Devil
by John Ritto Penniman (1782-1841)

Satan Tempts Jesus



**Temptation of Christ
by Ary Scheffer, 1854**



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by Gustave Doré (1832-1883)**



**Temptation of Christ
by Vasily Surikov. 1872**

Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan Tempts Jesus

After 40 days fasting, the “**tempter**” came & asked:

Devil – διαβόλου ~ diabolou ~ diabolical ~ N.T. 13x among
38 uses in 6 variations, always translated DEVIL

Tempter – 4x in 38 uses in 21 variations – “tempting one”
as in Matt 22:35 **One of them, an expert in the law,**
[same word] **TESTED Him with this question...**”

Satan – **lə-śā-ṭān** – 27x in O.T., sometimes God’s angel
Numbers 22:22, **the angel of the LORD stood in the**
way for an ADVERSARY against him.

16x **haś-śā-ṭān** - 14x in Job, 2x in Zechariah

Of course, the most definitive reference is Job 1:16

One day the angels came to present themselves
before the LORD, and Satan also came with them.



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illustrated in John Milton’s
Paradise Lost c. 1866

Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan Tempts Jesus

1-3 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

After 40 days fasting, the “**temper**” came & asked:

“If you are the Son of God,
tell these stones to become bread.”

Temptation 1—Bread

All of us wish we could do that



**Temptation of Christ, 1872
by Vasily Surikov**

Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan Tempts Jesus

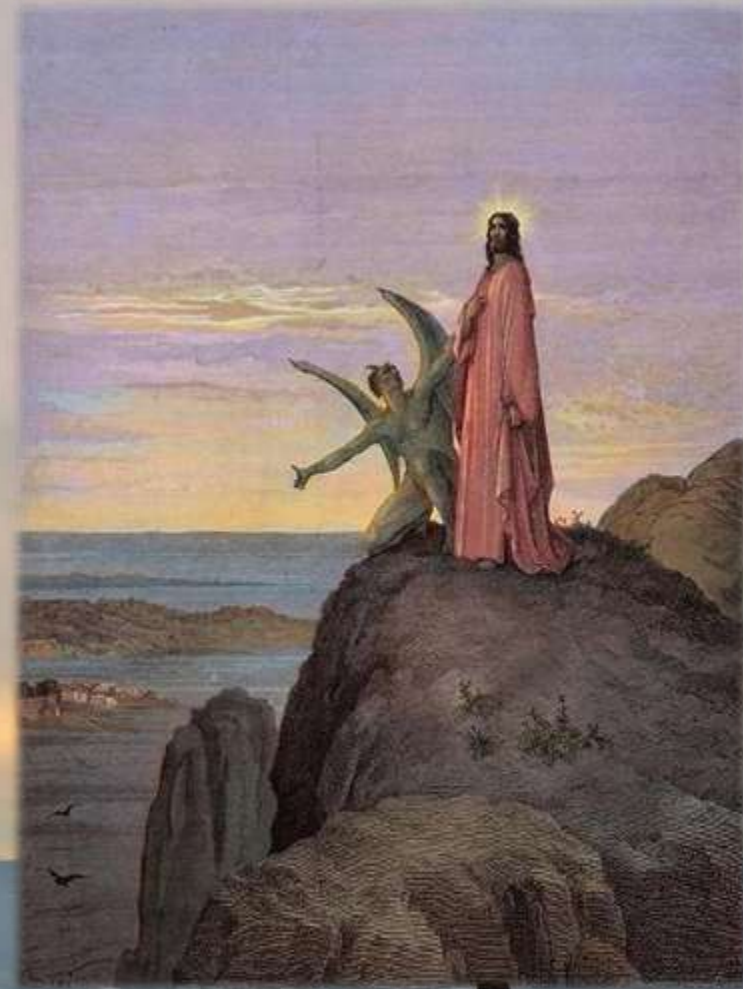
4 Jesus answered, “It is written:

‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Jesus quotes the Law – Deuteronomy 8:3

There IS Bread from Heaven

Jesus IS the Bread of Life



Temptation of Christ
by Gustave Doré (1832-1883)

Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan Tempts Jesus

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city & had Him stand on the highest point of the temple.

6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said,
“throw yourself down. For it is written [Psalm 91:11-12]:
“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands, so that
you will not strike your foot against a stone.””

Temptation 2—Proof to a Liar

There is a universal lesson here

We all are TEMPTED to PROVE OURSELVES



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Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan Tempts Jesus

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written:

‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

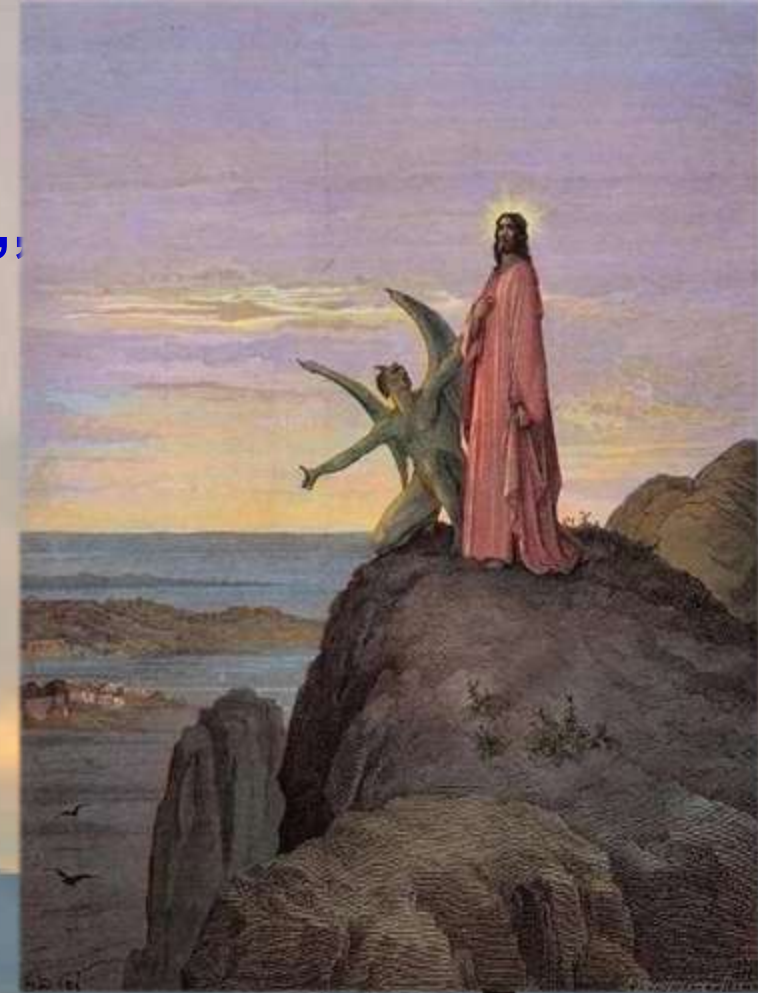
Jesus again quotes the Law—Deuteronomy 6:16

I suppose you are getting the message by now

There is ONLY ONE defense against the Satan

Quote the TRUTH – Quote Jesus

Interesting, after all we went thru in Deuteronomy



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Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan Tempts Jesus

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “IF, IF ...
“if you will bow down and worship me.”

Temptation 3 – Who Is YOUR King?

Finally, on the 3rd try, Satan reveals his True Self

Satan believes HE DESERVES to be King

Satan believes HE HAS CONTROL of all the world

Satan believes – like a lot of people – that

HE IS TRULY WORTHY OF WORSHIP



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Mary, Did You Know – by the Gaithers

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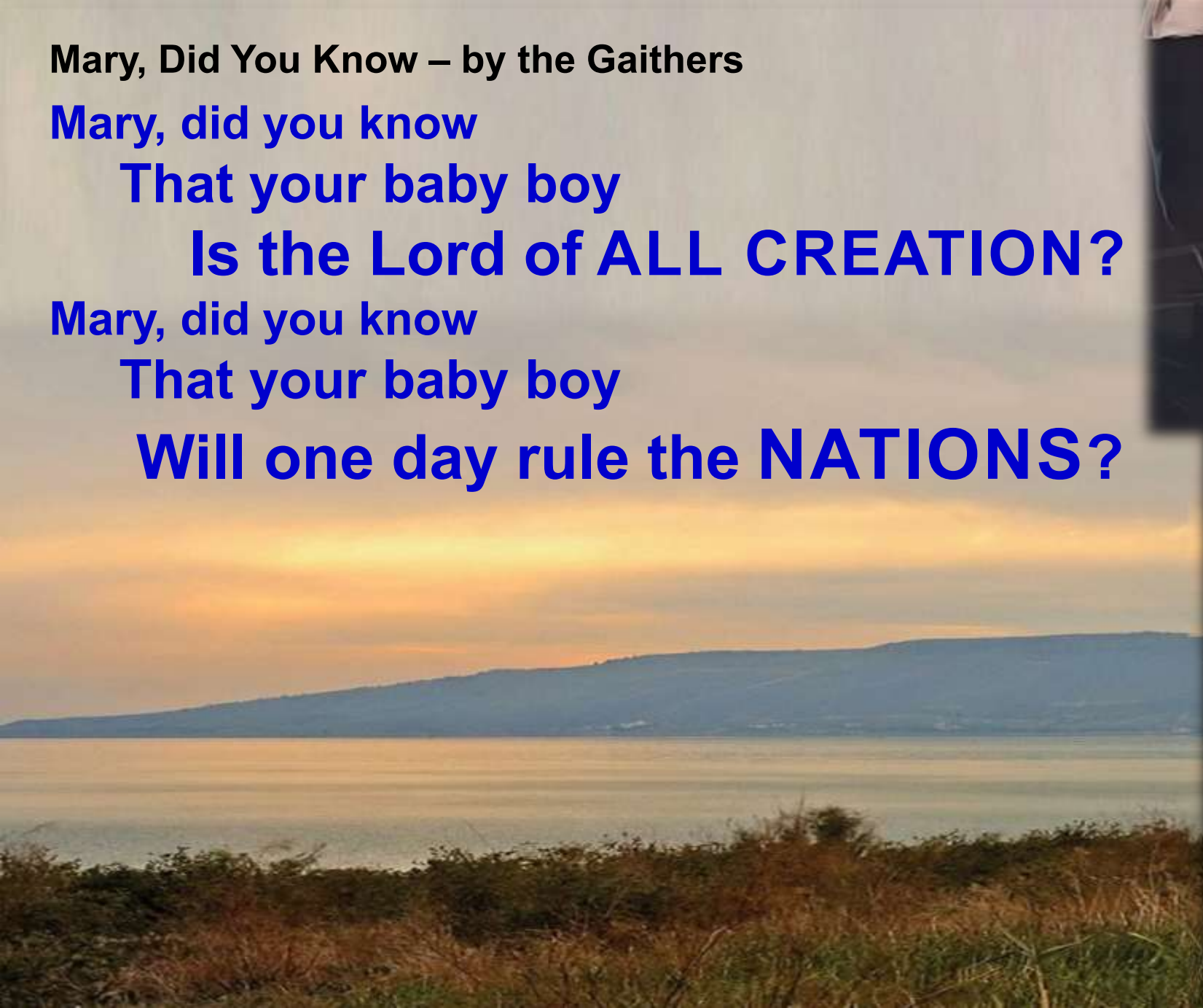
That your baby boy

Is the Lord of ALL CREATION?

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy

Will one day rule the NATIONS?



Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan Tempts Jesus

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan!
For it is written:

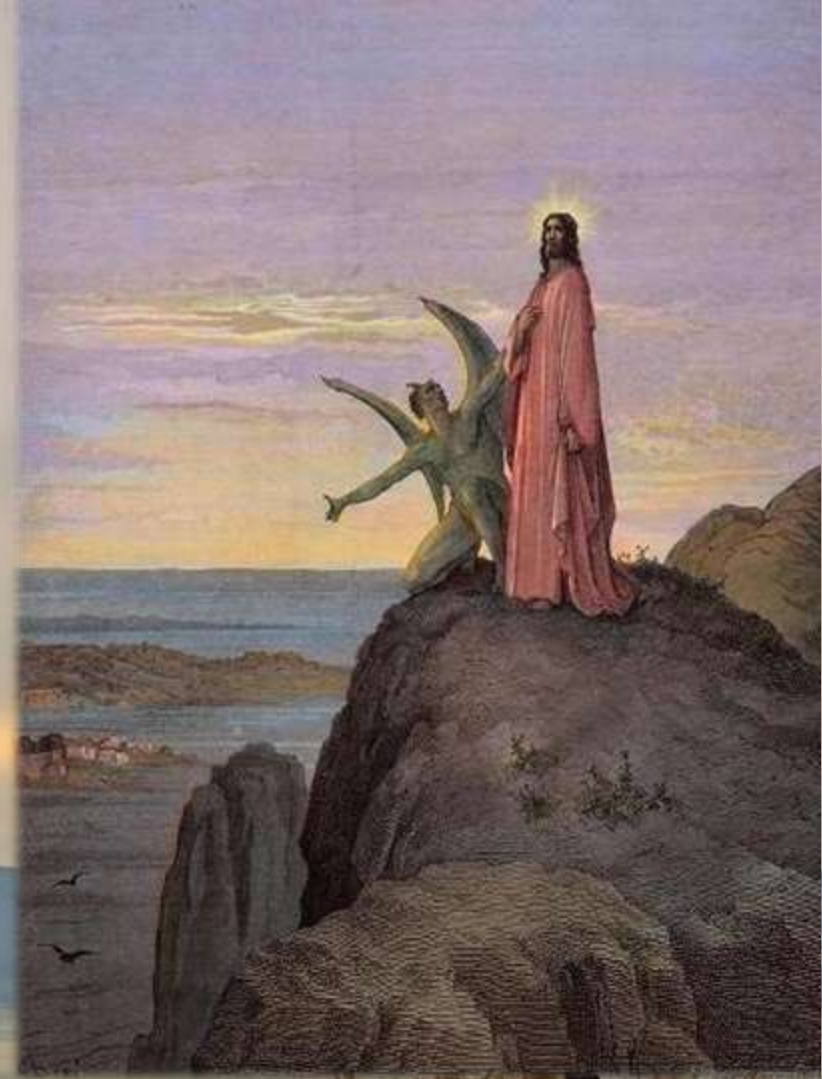
**‘Worship the Lord your God &
serve Him only.’”**

Jesus *again* quotes the Law—Deuteronomy 6:13

Jesus could’ve quoted from the

FIRST of Ten Commandments in Deut 5

The LAW was WHOLE to Jesus



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Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan Tempts Jesus

**11 Then the devil left Him, and
angels came and attended Him.**

**Glorious passage – only Jesus completely defeats
Satan, Lucifer, King of Devils, Great Deciever**



**Angels Ministering
to Christ, 1849
George Hayter (1792–1871)**



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**Angels Ministering to
Christ in the Wilderness
by Thomas Cole, 1843**





**Angels Minister to Christ in the Wilderness
by Francisco Pacheco and Diego Velazquez, c.1616**



Christ Ministered To By Angels
by James Tissot, c. 1886-1894
New York, Brooklyn Museum



**Christ Ministered To By Angels
by Jacques Stella, c. 1635-1640**



Christ Ministered To By Angels
by Charles de La Fosse, c. 1685-1695
Saint Petersburg, State Hermitage Museum



Christ Ministered to by Angels
by Christian Wink, c. 1769-1770
Augsburg, Deutsche Barockgalerie



Christ Served by Angels
by Alessandro Magnasco
with Antonio Peruzzini, c. 1705
Madrid, Museo Nacional del Prado



**Christ Ministered To By Angels
by Cristofano Allori, Early 17th Century
Florence, Gallerie degli Uffizi**

Mary, Did You Know – by the Gaithers

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy

Will one day rule the nations?

Did you know

That your baby boy

Was heaven's perfect Lamb?

And the sleeping Child you're holdin'

Is the Great I Am

