

December 1: Place of Birth

Micah 5:2

²^[a] But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

Matthew 2:1

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king,
behold, wise men^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem,

December 2: Heir to the throne of David

Isaiah 9:7

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of
Abraham.

December 3: Born of a virgin

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.^[a]

Matthew 1:18

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ^[a] took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed^[b] to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

December 4: Killing of infants

Jeremiah 31:15

¹⁵Thus says the LORD:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.”

Matthew 2:16

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

December 5: Escape into Egypt

Hosea 11:1

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

Matthew 2:14

¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt

December 6: Ministry in Galilee

Isaiah 9:1-2

^[a] But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.^[b]

²^[c] The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

Matthew 4:12-16

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

December 7: As a prophet

Deuteronomy 18:15

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

John 6:14

¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

December 8: His rejection by Jews

Isaiah 53:3

³ He was despised and rejected^[a] by men;
a man of sorrows,^[b] and acquainted with^[c] grief;^[d]
and as one from whom men hide their faces^[e]
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

John 1:11

¹¹ He came to his own,^[a] and his own people^[b] did not receive him.

December 9: His characteristics

Isaiah 11:2

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Luke 2:52

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature^[a] and in favor with God and man.

December 10: His triumphal entry

Zechariah 9:9

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

John 12:13-14

¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

December 11: Betrayed by a friend

Psalms 41:9

⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

Mark 14:10

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them.

December 12: Silent when accused

Isaiah 53:7

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

Matthew 26:60-61

⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”

December 13: Struck and spat on

Isaiah 50:6

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

Mark 14:65

⁶⁵And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

December 14: Suffered vicariously

Isaiah 53:4-5

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Matthew 8:16-17

¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

December 15: Crucified with sinners

Isaiah 53:12

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,^[a]
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,^[b]
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Matthew 27:38

³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

December 16: Hands and feet pierced

Psalm 22:16

¹⁶ For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet^[a]—

John 20:27

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

December 17: Mocked and insulted

Psalm 22:6-8

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
⁸ “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

Matthew 27:39-40

³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

December 18: Pray for His enemies

Psalm 109:4

⁴ In return for my love they accuse me,
but I give myself to prayer.^[a]

Luke 23:34

³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”^[a] And they cast lots to divide his garments.

December 19: His side to be pierced

Zechariah 12:10

¹⁰ “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

John 19:34

³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

December 20: Soldiers cast lots for clothes

Psalm 22:18

¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

Mark 15:24

²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.

December 21: Not a bone broken

Psalm 34:20

²⁰ He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.

John 19:33

³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

December 22: To be buried with the rich

Isaiah 53:9

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Matthew 27:57-60

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

December 23: His resurrection

Psalm 16:10

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.^[a]

Matthew 28:9

⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

December 24: His ascension

Psalm 68:18

¹⁸You ascended on high,
leading a host of captives in your train
and receiving gifts among men,
even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

Luke 24:50-51

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

December 25: His second coming

Acts 1:11

¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Hebrews 9:28

²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

