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THE NATIVITY

When Jesus was born, only two people knew who He really was and what had miraculously happened: St Joseph and St Elizabeth. But God immediately shared this incredible news, the good news, the Gospel, with two sets of people. One of the chosen sets were very poor, a handful of scruffy shepherds living rough on the fields outside Bethlehem. The other chosen ones were scholar-priests from distant Persia, and these were the Magi, the wise men, the kings. Among all the millions of people alive on the first Christmas, these were the only ones who knew, and who new for certain. The angels had told the shepherds in a great blaze of heavenly glory, the Magi had learnt from their studies and had been called by the star. But it was not enough to know. Before knowledge could become faith they had to see. They had to journey, a short night-time journey for the shepherds, a very long difficult journey for the Magi. But until they stood in the presence of Jesus and looked at His face, they could not enter fully into belief, which is always transforming. It is the closeness to Jesus, the actually seeing of His Face that changes knowledge into faith. It was the presence of Jesus that filled them with an immense joy. It was His joy that He came to share with everybody and which can only come from looking at Him.