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Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:
After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
before they came together, she was found with
child of the Holy Spirit.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man,
and not wanting to make her a public example,
was minded to put her away secretly.

Matthew 1:18-19

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But while he thought about these things,
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him
in a dream, saying,

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you
Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is
of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and
you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His
people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20-21

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Let's look at a few Scriptures about God and us.

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One last look backwards...

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