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## I Samuel 16:7b

“...for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

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## Micah 5:2

“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of  
Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to  
be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from  
long ago, from the days of eternity.”

## Luke 2:7

“And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

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## Luke 2:10-11

*“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’”*

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*→ The eternal Son of God took on human flesh, so that He could die for us as a sinless sacrifice for our sin.*

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