

Dec 2 Readings: Our Savior

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The Bible

1. Isa. 40:1, 3, 4, 8

- 1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
- 3 ¶ The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
- 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

2. Isa. 19:20

- 20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

Luke 1: 34-47

Modern English Version

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

35 The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you. Therefore the Holy One who will be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Listen, your cousin Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age. And this is the sixth month with her who was declared barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

38 Mary said, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be unto me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

39 In those days Mary arose and quickly went into the hill country, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zechariah and greeted

Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 She spoke out with a loud voice, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 Indeed, as soon as the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a completion to those things which were told her by the Lord."

46 And Mary said:

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

3. Ps. 23:1–6

- 1 The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

4. Hos. 13:4 I

- 4 ... I *am* the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for *there is* no saviour beside me.

5. II Sam. 22:1–3 (to 2nd ;)

- 1 And David spake unto the Lord the words of this song in the day *that* the Lord had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:
- 2 And he said, The Lord *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
- 3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; ...

6. II Kings 13:5

- 5 (And the Lord gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime.

7. John 4:46–53

- 46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.
- 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.
- 48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.
- 49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.
- 50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.
- 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.
- 52 Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

8. Isa. 40:31

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures by MBE

1. SH 326:12–21

12 We must forsake the foundation of material systems,
however time-honored, if we would gain the Christ as
our only Saviour. Not partially, but fully, the great
15 healer of mortal mind is the healer of the body.

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained
now. This point won, you have started as you should.

18 You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian
Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your
advancement. Working and praying with true motives,
21 your Father will open the way.

2. SH 285:23

By interpreting God as a corporeal Saviour but not as
24 the saving Principle, or divine Love, we shall continue
to seek salvation through pardon and not
through reform, and resort to matter instead
27 of Spirit for the cure of the sick. As mortals
reach, through knowledge of Christian Science, a higher
sense, they will seek to learn, not from matter, but from
30 the divine Principle, God, how to demonstrate the Christ,
Truth, as the healing and saving power.

Salvation
is through
reform

3. SH 29:14

Those instructed
15 in Christian Science have reached the glori-
ous perception that God is the only author of man.
The Virgin-mother conceived this idea of God, and
18 gave to her ideal the name of Jesus — that is, Joshua,
or Saviour.

The Father-
hood of God

4. SH 29:20

The illumination of Mary's spiritual sense put to

21 silence material law and its order of generation, and
brought forth her child by the revelation of
Truth, demonstrating God as the Father of
24 men. The Holy Ghost, or divine Spirit, overshadowed
the pure sense of the Virgin-mother with the full recog-
nition that being is Spirit. The Christ dwelt forever
27 an idea in the bosom of God, the divine Principle of the
man Jesus, and woman perceived this spiritual idea,
though at first faintly developed.

Spiritual
conception

5. SH 533:26

Truth, cross-questioning man as to his knowledge of
27 error, finds woman the first to confess her fault. She
says, “The serpent beguiled me, and I did
eat;” as much as to say in meek penitence,
30 “Neither man nor God shall father my fault.” She has
already learned that corporeal sense is the serpent. Hence
1 she is first to abandon the belief in the material origin of
man and to discern spiritual creation. This hereafter
3 enabled woman to be the mother of Jesus and to behold
at the sepulchre the risen Saviour, who was soon to mani-
fest the deathless man of God's creating. This enabled
6 woman to be first to interpret the Scriptures in their true
sense, which reveals the spiritual origin of man.

False
womanhood

6. SH 54:29–1

If that Godlike and glorified man were physically on
30 earth to-day, would not some, who now pro-
fess to love him, reject him? Would they
not deny him even the rights of humanity, if he enter-
1 tained any other sense of being and religion than theirs?

Injustice to
the Saviour

7. SH 317:24

24 To the materialistic Thomas, looking for the ideal
Saviour in matter instead of in Spirit and to the testi-
mony of the material senses and the body,
27 more than to Soul, for an earnest of immor-
tality, — to him Jesus furnished the proof that he was
unchanged by the crucifixion. To this dull and doubt-
30 ing disciple Jesus remained a fleshly reality, so long as
the Master remained an inhabitant of the earth. Noth-
ing but a display of matter could make existence real
1 to Thomas. For him to believe in matter was no task,

Material
skepticism

but for him to conceive of the substantiality of Spirit —
3 to know that nothing can efface Mind and immortality, in
which Spirit reigns — was more difficult.

8. SH 364:17

Do Christian

18 Scientists seek Truth as Simon sought the Saviour, through
material conservatism and for personal homage? Jesus
told Simon that such seekers as he gave small reward
21 in return for the spiritual purgation which came through
the Messiah. If Christian Scientists are like Simon,
then it must be said of them also that they *love*
24 little.

9. SH 232:3

3 Many theories relative to God and man neither make
man harmonious nor God lovable. The beliefs we com-
monly entertain about happiness and life
6 afford no scatheless and permanent evidence
of either. Security for the claims of harmonious and
eternal being is found only in divine Science.

Denials of
divine power

10. SH 476:28–5

When speaking of God's children, not the children of
men, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you;”
30 that is, Truth and Love reign in the real
man, showing that man in God's image is
unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the per-
1 fect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal
man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour
3 saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man
healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom
of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

The kingdom
within

Hymns

1. Hymn. 533:2

What though my human comforts die,
The Lord my Savior liveth;
What though the darkness gather round,
Songs in the night God giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love is God of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

2. Hymn. 301

Saw ye my Saviour? Heard ye the glad sound?
Felt ye the power of the Word?
'Twas the Truth that made us free,
And was found by you and me
In the life and the love of our Lord.

Mourner, it calls you,—“Come to my bosom,
Love wipes your tears all away,
And will lift the shade of gloom,
And for you make radiant room
Midst the glories of one endless day.”

Sinner, it calls you,—“Come to this fountain,
Cleanse the foul senses within;
'Tis the Spirit that makes pure,
That exalts thee, and will cure
All thy sorrow and sickness and sin.”

Strongest deliverer, friend of the friendless,
Life of all being divine:
Thou the Christ, and not the creed;
Thou the Truth in thought and deed;
Thou the water, the bread, and the wine.

3. Hymn. 500:3

I can walk with Love through the valley of fear,
Singing Hallelujah! O, my Savior is here!
For my empty longing no hope can fulfill,
But Love meets all need and bids want be still.

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