

LIFE OF CHRIST BIBLE RHYMES

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Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
Angels said, "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men!"
He was laid in a manger and worshipped by strangers,
shepherds sent by the host of heav'n.

Jesus had His very own star.
It stayed above Him and was seen from afar.
The wise men who saw it came from the east
and brought Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Jesus had a mommy named Mary.
Jesus had a daddy named Joseph.
Jesus had brothers and sisters
when He lived here on earth.
But most of all the son of love,
Jesus is the Son of God!

When Jesus was a little boy
He learned to read the Bible scroll.
He talked with elders at the temple court.
They were surprised at his knowledge of course.
He knew all about His Father and love
because Jesus is the Son of God!

John preached to people and told them "Repent!"

A voice in the desert, a voice of one sent
to prepare and make straight the way of the Lord,
immersing the penitent and preaching the word!

John immersed repentant souls,
but the Pharisees came out with scribes and scrolls.
“Who warned you of the coming fire?
You wicked men, you brood of vipers!”
You should bring forth fruit in keeping
with reform and not men’s teaching.”

Jesus went to be immersed by John.
In the river Jordan is where it was done.
The heavens were opened and the Spirit of God
came down on Jesus in the form of a dove.
A voice spoke from heaven and His words were these,
“This is My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased.”

In the desert the devil tempted Jesus.
Jesus used scriptures that now can free us.
Jesus proved the wicked devil wrong,
and He told Satan to be gone.

To a wedding in Cana of Galilee
went Jesus, His friends, and His mother Mary.
At her request He changed water to wine,
and saved the feast just in time.
It was the Lord’s first miracle,
and it made all the men with Him marvel.

Jesus went to the temple to praise God.

When He got there
He found money changers, sellers, and frauds.
He overturned their tables of evil
and whipped them and drove them out of the temple.
“Zeal for Thy house will consume me”
so stop making My Father’s house
a place to make money!

A Pharisee named Nicodemus
went at night to speak to Jesus.
He said, “Master we know you are a teacher from God
because no one can do miracles unless he’s sent by God.”
Jesus said, “You must be born again
to see God’s kingdom and enter in.”
“But how can a man be born when he’s old?”
“Be born of water and the Spirit” is what he was told.

A Samaritan woman went down to the well
where Jesus was sitting with her story to tell.
Jesus asked the woman for a drink,
but “Jews hate Samaritans” is all she could think.
Then Jesus told her He gives living water
that springs up to everlasting life forever.

Jesus read the book of Isaiah on the Sabbath.
“The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me
to preach the gospel to the poor
and heal the brokenhearted.
To preach deliverance to the captives
and sight to the blind.
To set free the downtrodden,

to loose and unbind.
To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord!
Today in your hearing this scripture's fulfilled."

Jesus got in Simon's boat
to teach a growing crowd.
When He finished teaching them
He taught Simon to not be proud.
He said, "Move into the deep
and let down your nets again."
"But master we have fished all night
and we have caught nothing."
When they cast the nets again
the boat was filled to bursting.
A second boat of John's came by;
they too were filled to sinking.
Simon cried, "Lord leave me
for I am full of sin!"
But Jesus said, "Do not fear,
I'll teach you to fish for men."

When Jesus was in Galilee
a man ran to Him who had leprosy.
The man knelt down at Jesus' feet.
He said, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."
Jesus was moved with compassion.
He stretched out His hand and touched the man.
Jesus said, "I am willing. Be clean.
Go offer the sacrifice for your cleansing."

Jesus was in Capernaum teaching a great crowd of men.

Four friends lowered a paralytic through the roof.
Jesus loved their faith and here's the proof.
He said, "My son, your sins are forgiven."
But some scribes in the room began to reason,
God alone forgives sins so this man is blaspheming.
Jesus silenced their futile reasoning.
"Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven'
or 'Paralytic take your mat up and walk among men'?
The Son of Man has authority
to forgive sins on earth" setting men free.
Then Jesus said, "Rise, take your mat and go home."
Immediately the man did it making God's glory known.

Jesus called the tax collector Matthew.
He said, "Follow me!"
Then He ate with tax collectors and sinners,
and the Pharisees did see.
"Why is he eating with sinners?" asked the Pharisees.
Jesus replied, "The sick need a doctor, not the healthy."

Jesus saw a crippled man at the pool of Bethesda.
"Sir, no one helps me get into the troubled water."
But Jesus had just asked the man
if he'd like to be made well.
He didn't ask for the story
that the man decided to tell.
Jesus ignored the man's complaint
and this is what He said,
"Rise up, take up your bed and walk!"
and that's what the man did!

Jesus was in the synagogue on one Sabbath day.
He saw a man with a withered hand
and knew just what to say.
The Pharisees were watching Him to see if he would heal.
They wanted to accuse Him because they were so evil.
Jesus said unto the man, "Rise up in front of everyone."
"Which is lawful on the Sabbath to do good or do evil?
Which is lawful on the Sabbath to save life or to kill?"
The Pharisees were silent and Jesus became angry.
He told the man, "Stretch out your hand!"
and healed him immediately.

There was a Roman Centurion
who had great faith and a sick servant.
He didn't feel worthy to go see Jesus
or even to have Him come into his house.
He said, "Say the word Lord and my servant will be well."
Jesus said He'd not found such great faith in all of Israel.
The friends then returned to their place,
and found the servant healed by Jesus through faith.

In the city of Nain there was a funeral
for a widow's only son.
Jesus said, "Do not weep. I say to you, arise young man!"
The man sat up and began to speak.
Jesus gave him to his mother.
Fear gripped them all and they said here's a prophet
sent from God and not any other.

John the Immerser was in prison,

so to Jesus he sent two men.
They asked, "Are you the one to come
or should we look for another man?"
Jesus told them, "Go tell John
the blind now see, the lame now walk,
the lepers are all cleansed.
The deaf now hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

"What did you go to the desert to see?
A reed shaken by the wind?
What did you go to the desert to see?
A man in fine clothin'?
Those who dress in splendor live in royal palaces,
but John is more than a prophet.
'God sent His messenger before Your face
to prepare Your way before You',
yes the way of the Lord.
John is the greatest of those born of women
if the truth is to be told."

"Like children in the market place
we played the flute for you.
But you didn't dance so we sang a dirge
but you did not weep it's true.'
John the Immerser came not eating bread or drinking
wine.
You said, 'He has a demon. He's just not feeling fine.'
The Son of Man came eating bread and
drinking fruit of the vine,
and you call him a glutton and a drunk.

He is no friend of thine.
And I might be a friend of tax collectors and sinners then,
but wisdom will be vindicated by all her children.”

Jesus ate with Simon and told him this fine story:
“Two people owed a moneylender certain sums of money.
One person owed 500 and the other just 50,
but neither one could pay so he forgave them both freely.
Now which forgiven man will love the lender more?”
“The one who owed 500 like this woman on the floor.
She loves as much as she’s forgiven,
a great amount you see.
Her faith has saved her from her sins.
Rise and walk in peace.”

“No one lights a lamp to put it under a bowl.
They put it on its stand so that its light will show.
A city on a hill cannot be hidden
for you are the light of the world” if you are a Christian.
“So let your light shine for men to see.
They’ll see your good works
and give God [the Father] glory.”

“You are the salt of the earth,
but if the salt has lost its taste
it cannot be made salty again.
It simply goes to waste.
It is good for nothing except to be
thrown out and trampled under men’s feet.”

Four different soils received some seed

the good and the road and the rocks and the weeds.
Now the seed represents the word of God
and the soil is the heart of man, not sod.
The seed that fell upon the road
was eaten by the birds and the devil; it didn't grow.
The seed among the rocks sprang up fast,
but the soil was too shallow so it could not last.
As soon as times of testing come
the rootless plants get scorched by the sun.
The seed in the weeds grew some roots,
but the thorns and the weeds choked the would-be fruit.
The pleasures and sins of this old world
choked out the crop springing forth from the word.
The seed that fell on good soil
brought 30, 60, and 100 yield.
So the soil is the heart and the word is the seed.
Don't be the soil that just believes,
or the soil that obeys and is carried away
by the temptations of these wicked days.
Be the good soil that yields much fruit
by sowing more seed of the word of truth.

Once Jesus was in a boat with His disciples
the wind and waves began to rage
but Jesus was asleep below.
They woke Him up. He calmed the storm
by saying, "Peace, be still."
His disciples asked, "Who is this?
Even the wind and the waves obey His will!"

Jesus met a man with demons living in the land.

Their name was Legion for there were many demons in that man.

Jesus cast them out and sent them to a herd of swine.

The man was healed and he sat down clothed in his right mind.

The man asked to go with Him, but Jesus told him, "No, back to your house to tell God's blessings is where you must go."

Jesus and His apostles sailed to the Gerasenes.

They met a man possessed by demons not wearing his clothing.

He lived among the tombs and cut himself with stones.

He broke the chains they put on him and cried with such loud groans.

"What do I have to do with You, Jesus Son of the Most High God?

I beg you do not torment me, but let me go into those hogs.

My name is Legion, for we are many."

But Jesus said, "Come out!"

He let them go into the pigs who drowned, 2000 hoof and snout.

The man who Jesus healed was clothed and in his right mind.

He asked to go with Jesus but his company was declined.

Jesus told him, "Go back home and share the wondrous news

of all the great and wonderful things
that God has done for you.”

Jesus went with Jairus to heal his only daughter,
but a servant came and told them both,
“She’s dead so now why bother?”
Jesus went on anyways and came into the house.
He told the mourners, “She’s asleep.”
And then He put them out.
He said to her, “Talitha kum!” which means, “Child arise!”
Her spirit then returned and she opened up her eyes.
He told both her parents to give their daughter food.
They were amazed, their daughter was raised,
alive again, and there she stood.

“Go proclaim the kingdom of God but do not take a thing,
no staff, no bag, no bread, no money,
and no two pieces of clothing.
If they invite you into their house
then go and stay with them,
but if they reject you, shake off the dust,
and march along again.”

The multitudes listened to Jesus speak.
He told the twelve, “You give them something to eat.”
“But all we have is five loaves and two fish.
How can we feed all the people with this?”
Jesus gave thanks for that small bit of food
and kept giving it to the disciples to feed the multitude.
About 5000 men were fed right then
with twelve baskets left over! How amazing!

“Two men went to the temple to pray.
One was a Pharisee and this is what he had to say,
‘God, I thank You I’m not like other men,
robbers, evildoers, or like this publican.
I fast twice a day and give a tenth of all I get.’
But the tax collector stood far off
and humbly beat his breast.
‘God have mercy on me for I am just a sinner!’
This man went home justified rather than the other.”

“Whoever finds Myself and My words shaming,
of him the Son of Man will be ashamed in His coming.
When He comes in His glory and the glory of His father
and of the holy angels,” there will not be another,
another moment for him to obey the word
and not be ashamed of the truth he’s heard.

Peter, James, and John went with Jesus to a mountain.
Jesus was transfigured,
and His clothes became as lightning.
Moses and Elijah were talking there with Jesus.
Peter said, “It is good to be here. Let us make three tents,
one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
He did not know what to say they were so filled with terror.
God’s voice spoke from a cloud that had enveloped them,
“This is My beloved Son, listen to Him.”

A man’s son had a demon
that threw him into fire and water.
The apostles could not do any healin’,

but that did not deter the father.
He took his son straight to Jesus,
and asked, "Lord, heal him if You can."
Jesus told him not to doubt.
"Lord, help my unbelief!" he cried out.
Jesus prayed and drove out the demon.
Back at the house the disciples asked Him a question.
"Why couldn't we drive the demon out back there?"
Jesus replied, "This kind only comes out by prayer."

"If anyone wishes to come after Me
he must deny himself and take up his cross daily.
Then such a man can follow Me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for the Gospel and My sake,
he's the one whose life shall be saved.
For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world
if that same man should lose his own soul?"

Jesus said, "Let these words sink into your ears
for the Son of Man to the hands of men
is going to be delivered."
The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men.
When they kill Him, three days later, He shall rise again."

The apostles had an argument
of which one was the greatest,
but Jesus knew what was in their hearts
and showed them what was best.
He took a little child and brought him to His side.
"Unless you turn and become like children,

in the kingdom of heaven you won't abide.

Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me,
and the one who sent Me they also do receive.
For he who is least among you, that is who is great,
but if you cause my child to sin woe will be your fate.
It would be better for you
to have a millstone around your neck,
and to be thrown into the sea, drowned in all its depths."

A Samaritan village rejected Jesus.
When James and John, Boanerges saw this
they said, "Lord do you want us to call fire from heaven
to come down here and consume these men?"
But Jesus said, "No!" and sharply rebuked them.

Count the cost "I'll follow You wherever You may go."
But Jesus said, "The birds have nests
and the foxes do have holes,
but the Son of Man has no place for Him to lay His head."
"Then let me bury my father."
"Let the dead bury their own dead.
But as for you go and proclaim the great kingdom of God."
"Let me say goodbye at home
and then I'll follow You Lord."
"No one who puts his hand to the plow
and afterwards looks back
is fit for service in the kingdom of God
devotion's what he lacks."

Jesus sent out 72.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
To the Lord of the harvest, therefore, pray
to send forth reapers and go your way.
I’m sending you out as lambs among wolves,
so go proclaim the kingdom of God by His word.”

“Woe to you Chorazin! Woe Bethsaida!
If the mighty works done in you
were done in Tyre and Sidon,
they would have repented
long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
You will not be exalted
but brought down to the depths of Hades.”

“Who is my neighbor? How will I know?”

“A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho.
He fell among some robbers then
who stripped him and then beat on him.
Then they left leaving him half dead,
and it chanced a priest was going down that road.
He saw the man and passed by on the other side.
A Levite came, saw the man, and did likewise.
A Samaritan came down that road
and had such compassion.
He bound his wounds,
pouring oil and wine upon the wounded man.
He put him on his donkey and brought him to an inn.
He paid out two denarii and said,
‘Please take care of him.’
Which of these three proved to be a neighbor to the man?”
“The one who showed him mercy.”

“So go and do the same.”

When you give a dinner or supper,
do not invite your friends or brothers,
nor your kinsmen, nor rich neighbors,
lest they invite you and repay your labors.
But when you entertain
Invite the beggars, blind, the maimed and lame.
They cannot repay you and so you will be blessed.
You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

Jesus entered the house of a ruler of the Pharisees.
He went to have a meal and
they were watching Him closely.
In front of Him was a man suffering with dropsy.
Jesus asked the Pharisees and the lawyers too,
“Is it lawful to heal a man on the Sabbath?”
Boy that made them stew!
While they remained silent Jesus healed the man,
and sent him away and asked,
“Which of you having a son or an ox fall in a well
will not, though it is the Sabbath,
immediately pull him out?”

Some Pharisees said, “Go away
for Herod wants to kill You.”
Jesus said, “Go tell that fox that this is what I’ll do.
I’ll drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow,
and when it is the third day that is when I’ll reach My goal.
I must keep going today, tomorrow,
and the third day despite him

for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!”

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets,
you stone those who are sent to you.
Your house is left to you desolate.
How often I have longed to gather your children together
as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings
when it is stormy weather.
But you were quite unwilling,
and you won’t see Me again
til you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes
in the Lord, yes in His name.’”

Zaccheus was very short,
so he climbed a tree of the sycamore sort.
When Jesus came to that tree
He said, “Zaccheus come down and hurry!
I must come to stay at your house today.”
Zaccheus was so glad to say,
“Lord, I give half my wealth to the poor,
and if I’ve cheated anyone I’ll give it back times four.”
“Salvation has come to this house today!
It’s the lost who I’ve come to seek and save.”

When Lazarus died Jesus wept
because of the great compassion He felt.
He said, “I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in Me shall live though he dies,
and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die
for I am the resurrection, I am the life.”
He told them to roll the stone away,

and then He looked to heaven and prayed.
Then in a loud voice He said Lazarus come forth.
Lazarus came out bound, and many then believed.
Jesus said, "Unbind him and set him free."

Jesus told this parable
about a younger son who was a prodigal.
"Give me my inheritance,"
is what the son said 'cause he had no sense.
The father gave the son his money,
and the son wandered to a faraway country.
There he squandered his money
by living quite immorally.
The country suffered a severe famine,
and he became a destitute man.
He hired himself out to a citizen
who sent him to the fields, to the pig pens.
He longed to eat the pigs' carob pods,
but no one gave him anything so he starved.
He came to his senses and said, "My father's hired hands
have more than enough to eat so here's my plan.
I will go to my father and this is what I'll say,
'Father, I've sinned against you and heaven,
so make me like a hired hand.
I'm not worthy to be called your son.'"
He arose and went to his father's house,
and while he was still a long way off
his father saw and ran to him.
He embraced and kissed his homebound son.
The son said what he had planned to say,
but the father said this to his slaves,

“Bring out a robe quickly, the best one!
Then hurry up and put it on my son!
Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet!
Bring the fatted calf and kill it, then let us eat!
We must rejoice for this, my son, was dead
but has come back to life! Hooray!
He was lost but has been found!”
And they began to celebrate.
His older son was in the field.
As he came near the house,
he heard the music and dancing
and called a servant to give account.
The servant said, “Your brother returned
and your father killed the fatted calf
because he has recovered him
and that in good health.”
The elder son became angry
and would not go inside.
The father came out to plead with him
but he began to chide,
“I have slaved for you for these many, many years.
I never disobeyed you or filled your eyes with tears.
You never gave me even a kid
that I might rejoice with my friends,
but when your son returns, you kill the fatted calf.
He who wasted your money with all the riff-raff.”
“You are always with me and all my things are yours.
We must rejoice and be happy
because this one, your brother was dead,
but he came back to life; he was lost and is found!”
is what the father said.

Jesus died on Calvary.
He hung on a cross for you and me.
He was laid in a tomb three days and nights,
and on the third day He was raised to life!
He sent His disciples to the world to show love,
and He's waiting for us in heaven above!