

THE COMING OF CHRIST

The scriptural narrative of our Savior's birth is filled with people coming: Joseph and Mary journeying to Bethlehem, shepherds coming with haste to the stable, Mary and Joseph taking the infant Savior to the temple, Wise Men coming to worship their Savior. Perhaps as we contemplate these many comings, we will be reminded that we too have been told to come to Him.

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First

Presidency, said: "Christmas and some of the cherished traditions of the season remind us that we, like the Wise Men of old, should seek the Christ and lay before Him the most precious of gifts: a broken heart and a contrite spirit. We should offer Him our love. We should give Him our willingness to take upon ourselves His name and walk in the path of discipleship. We should promise to remember Him always, to emulate His example, and to go about doing good."



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Journey, by Liz Lemon Swindle. Joseph and Mary traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a journey close to 100 miles (160 km).

No Room in the Inn, by Joseph F. Brickey. Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable because there was no room for them in the inn.



The Nativity, by Benjamin West. Mary soothed and comforted her newborn, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as Joseph watched over them.

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The Adoration of the Shepherds, by an unknown Neapolitan artist. The shepherds followed the directions of the angel and found “the babe lying in a manger” (Luke 2:16).



Jesus Presented in the Temple, by Christen Dalsgaard. Simeon thanked God that he had seen “the Lord’s Christ,” as did Anna, shown in the background (see Luke 2:22–38).

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The Adoration of the Magi, by Diego Rodríguez Velázquez. *The Wise Men traveled from afar and brought gifts to the Christ Child.*



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“We cannot offer Him the gift of perfection in all things because this is a gift beyond our capacity to give—at least for now. The Lord does not expect that we commit to move mountains. But He does require that we bring as gifts our best efforts to move ourselves, one foot in front of the other, walking in the ways He has prepared and taught.”¹ ■

NOTE

1. Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “Of Curtains, Contentment, and Christmas,” 2011 First Presidency Christmas Devotional, available at lds.org/broadcasts.

Rest on the Flight into Egypt, by Luc Olivier Merson. *This painting symbolizes the feeling of safety Egypt offered to the holy family.*



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