

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES



BORN IN BETHLEHEM

THE HOLY PLACES OF ADVENT

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¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

Matthew 2

⁶ *“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of
Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”*

⁷ *Then Herod called the Magi secretly and
found out from them the exact time the star
had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem
and said, “Go and search carefully for the
child. As soon as you find him, report to me,
so that I too may go and worship him.”*

Matthew 2





⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2



Jerusalem

Herod the Great

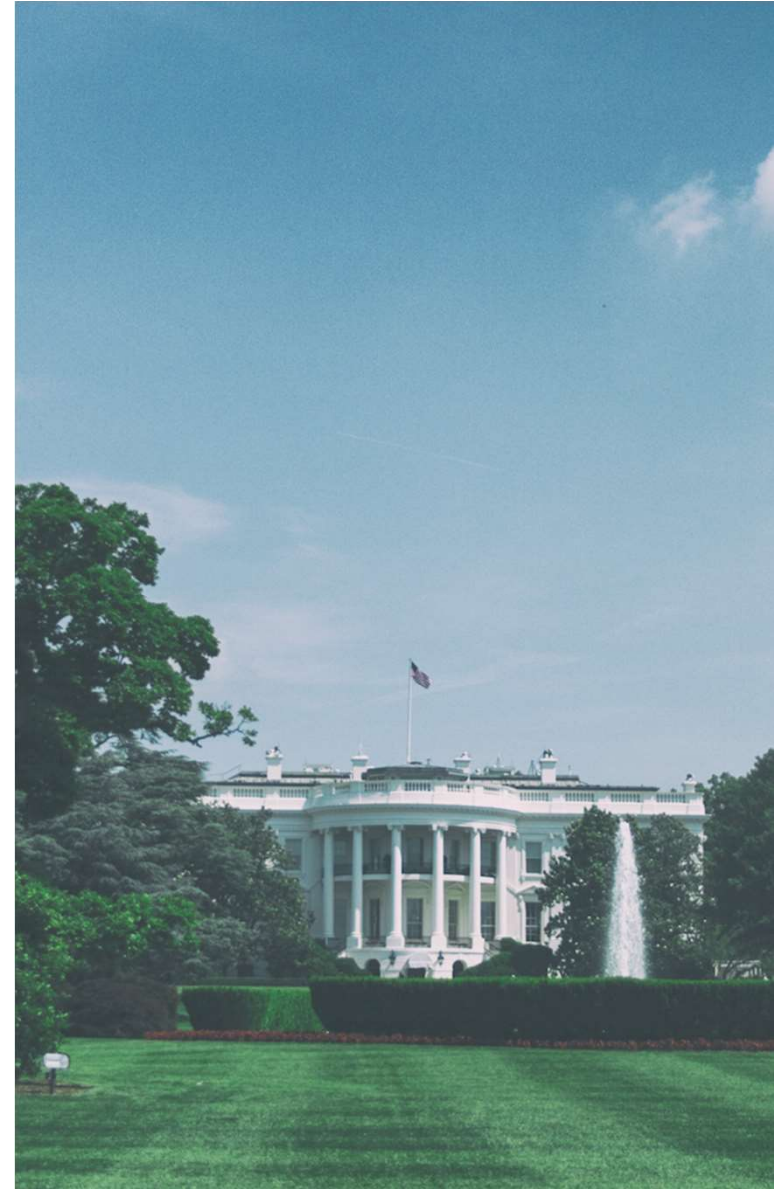




the Magi

Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo

*to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.* ^{Isaiah 9}



Hope comes to Jerusalem



Impeachment Hearings

Washington D.C.



A close-up photograph of a crown of thorns, made of dark, sharp, and intertwined branches, resting on a piece of white, wrinkled fabric. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the thorns and the fabric.

Emmanuel

God with us