

Scripture

Luke 2:6 (RSV)

And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.

Reflection

God became man.

Never, stop marvelling at the miracle; the Creator of the universe humbled himself and entered the world as a baby.

From the moment of conception, His life becomes dependant on Mary's body. He was born. He was held. He was dependant. He was innocent. He grew into a life where the cross loomed over Him. He did all of this for us.

This was God's plan that continues today. Our God who is powerful and brilliant, adopts weakness. Intimacy was always part of His plan. Mary and Joseph embraced this at His birth. This is the real Jesus, and He is all we need. For he said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). This means we too can embrace our cross, our weaknesses, hardships and persecutions. We can allow the innocence of Jesus to enter in and bring meaning and redemption in our lives.

Amen.



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Contemplate + Share

Pause a few minutes with God; pray, journal.

- Q.** Did something stand out to you? Why?
- Q.** What is God saying to you right now?
- Q.** What part of your identity did you uncover?
- Q.** Do you feel compelled to make an action?

Prayer

Jesus, it is unfathomable the deep love and intimacy you have shown in dwelling amongst us.

You placed yourself in our hands so that we could learn to love you and love like you.

Jesus, renew the intimacy of my faith.

Jesus, you are creator of all:

Lord have mercy

Jesus, you call us to be humble:

Christ have mercy

Jesus, in my weakness you make me strong:

Lord have mercy