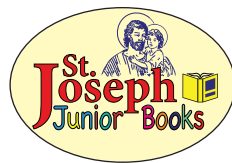


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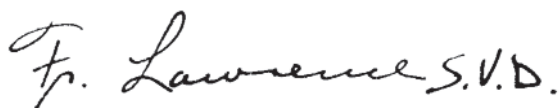
## TO THE READER . . .

**V**ATICAN Council II stated: "It is common knowledge that among all the Scriptures, even those of the New Testament, the gospels have a special preeminence, and rightly so, for they are the principal witness for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior" (*Divine Revelation*, no. 18).

The purpose of the ILLUSTRATED LIFE OF JESUS is to help you to know and love Jesus Christ still more. No subject should be dearer to you than the adorable Person of Jesus Christ, the Divine Word Incarnate, and none can be more useful for your salvation.

You have everything in Christ, and without Him neither salvation nor sanctification is possible. Through Him every grace is given to us and all glory rendered to His Father.

The beautiful pictures in living color will make His story even more appealing.



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## Jesus' Birth Is Announced to Mary

**T**HE Angel Gabriel said to Mary: “Hail, full of grace; the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.” Mary was troubled and wondered about this greeting. The Angel then said: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you.”

The Angel continued: “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God. Behold, you shall conceive in your womb and shall bring forth a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus.”

After learning that this was to be done by the power of God, Mary said: “I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.”

## Jesus Is Born

**T**HE Roman Emperor Augustus ordered all the people under his rule to be counted. Joseph and Mary left their home in Nazareth and traveled to Bethlehem.

So many people had come to be registered that there was no room for them in the inn. Outside the town, on the hills, they found a cave. Here Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in soft clothes and laid Him in a manger.

Nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep. Suddenly an Angel appeared and said: "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy, for today in the town of Bethlehem a Savior has been born. You will find the Infant Jesus lying in a manger."

Other Angels appeared. They praised God, saying: "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests."

The shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and saw the Baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw Him they told them what the Angel had said about this Child. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen.







## Jesus Helps Joseph in the Shop

**T**HE Holy Family at Nazareth lived a life of prayer and work. Jesus helped Joseph in the carpenter shop, and when Joseph died He supported His Mother until the age of thirty.

Jesus always showed respect, love, and obedience to His parents. He gave all boys and girls an example of how they must obey and love their parents.

The Gospel says that Jesus grew in wisdom and age and grace before God and men. He was getting ready for the work His Father gave Him to do as our Teacher and Redeemer.

The Holy Family is an example for all Christian families.



## Jesus Helps Peter Catch Many Fish

**J**ESUS told Peter to row out to the middle of the lake to fish. Peter obeyed at once, although he had fished all night and caught nothing. He caught so many fish that his boat almost sank.

Peter knew that he was in the presence of the great power of God. He fell on his knees before Jesus and said: "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man."

Jesus said to Peter: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will catch men." Jesus invited the disciples to be fishers of men, and they left everything to follow Him.

Jesus teaches us that without His help we can do nothing. He gives us the grace to be good.





## Jesus Dies on the Cross

**J**ESUS prayed: “Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.”

Seeing His Mother there with the disciple whom He loved, Jesus said to His Mother, “Woman, there is your son.” And to John He said: “There is your mother.” Jesus gave us His Mother as His deathbed gift of love.

Then, with a loud voice, Jesus prayed: “Father, into Your hands I place My spirit.” Having said this, He died. The earth shook, rocks split, tombs were opened and the curtain of the Temple was torn in two.

