

Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me ...

2 Samuel 7:16a



Church in a Dogon Village, Mali

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Psalm 89:2



Now to God who is able to strengthen you ... through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 16:25a, 27b

我赐给你们一条新命令, 乃是叫你们彼此相爱。 I new command I give you: Love one another

Jesus Christ: "Love One Another"

> Red Gallery Beijing, China

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,



St. Gabriel, Personal icon

Colorado Springs, CO to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

Luke 1:27a



Joseph

Brazilian Nativity Scene

The virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:27b



Virgin of Guadalupe

Indianapolis Museum of Art Indianapolis, IN And he came to her and said,
"Greetings, favored one! The Lord
is with you."



The Annunciation

Abbey of Keur Moussa, Keur Moussa, Senegal But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.



The Annunciation -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PS

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Behold the Lord's Servant

Dante Gabriel Rossetti Tate Britain London, England And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.



The Annunciation

Fra Angelico Prado Museum Madrid, Spain

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

Luke 1:34



The Annunciation -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;

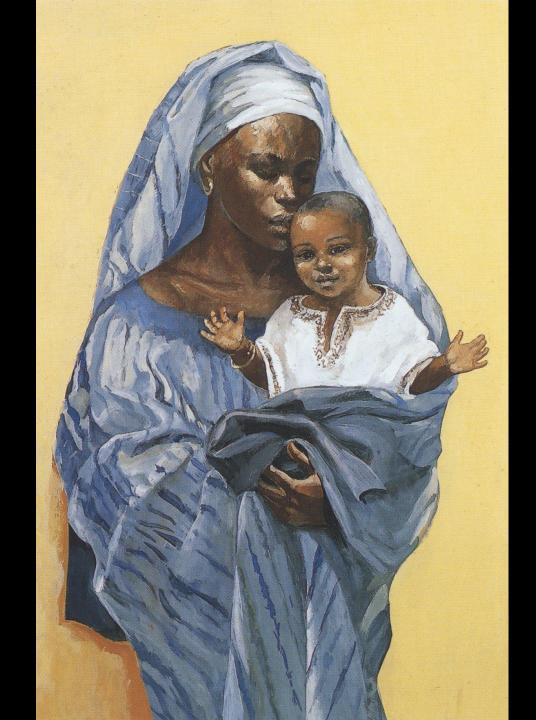
Luke 1:35a



The Annunciation

Church of Our Lady of Pity Swaffam, England therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Luke 1:35b



Mary and the Child Jesus

> JESUS MAFA Cameroon

For nothing will be impossible with God."

Luke 1:37



Gloria! -- Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, CA

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