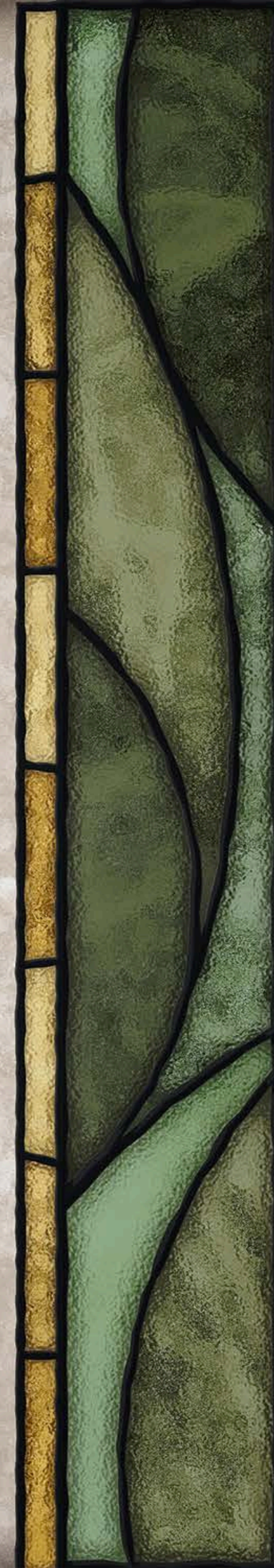


Peace





Hope | Mary

ENCOUNTERING JESUS
FULFILLS OUR HEARTS' DESIRE



Peace | Joseph

ENCOUNTERING JESUS
DEMANDS A FAITHFUL SACRIFICE



Joy | Shepherds

ENCOUNTERING JESUS
SURPRISES US WITH JOYFUL PRAISE



Love | Wise Men

ENCOUNTERING JESUS
WINS OUR LOYAL DEVOTION



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"She treasured these things in her heart."



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This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.
¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

MATTHEW 1:18-19 NIV



But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

MATTHEW 1:20-21 NIV



“When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.”

2 SAMUEL 7:12-14 NIV



“I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”
⁷ I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are
my son; today I have become your father.”

PSALM 2:6-7 NIV



In the past God adopted David's
descendants as his *own*.

Now a descendant of David
must adopt *God's Son* as his *own*.





All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (*which means “God with us”*).

MATTHEW 1:22-23 NIV



When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

MATTHEW 1:24-25 NIV

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Jesus calls us to worship
him with faithful obedience.

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