

DECEMBER 17

**“WHEN CHRIST CAME TO EARTH,  
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**READ**

*Luke 24:1-10, Revelation 22:16*

Do you know when the Morning Star appears? When it's the darkest and bleakest. We live in dark times, but as believers, we still sing praises. Our Morning Star is alive, and that alone guarantees our joy. When Christ came to earth His birth made every day a celebration. We read in the New Testament about the resurrection of Christ, and we see different details in each account, but our focus should be the remark of the angels: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but risen!" Each of us, as believers having called on Christ for salvation, has a different account of how it happened to us. We each met Him in a different way, but He saved us all from our sins. Jesus is more than a religious icon or the leader of a religious movement: He is alive! The first Gospel message was the resurrection of Jesus, and that should still be the message of the Church. As children of God, we have a reason to rejoice. We were sinners with no hope, and now we have the hope of heaven, all because Jesus was born, died on the cross, and is now alive forevermore.

**PRAY**

Jesus, You are the Holy Child, Beloved Son, the Lamb of God, Light of the World, Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lily of the Valley, Fairest of Ten Thousand, and Bright and Morning Star.

*From April 4, 2010*