

O COME LET US ADORE HIM:
THE INFANCY NARRATIVE OF MATTHEW
LUKE 1-2

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Luke 1: 1-2, The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth
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Luke 1: 57-80, The Birth of John the Baptist

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Zechariah finally gets it

Surrendering and nurturing your child for God's purpose

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Angels and Shepherds: Beginning of fulfillment of Mary's Prophecy

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Mary's Offering: Another Fulfillment of Her Offering

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