

# December 24: The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

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Once Mary, being with child by a seedless con - cep - tion, was

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registered in Bethlehem with the aged Joseph as being of the seed of Da-vid,

The time came for the birth, and there was no room in the inn;

but the cave proved a delightful pal - ace for the queen.

Christ is born to raise the image that fell of old.