

Angels in Stained Glass



Stained Glass Window 2234: This Tiffany style image features an angel announcing the birth of Jesus to the humble shepherds

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Angels are supernatural beings that are not only believed to be capable of delivering messages from God, but also of providing comfort, guidance, and sometimes protection in times of need. When Christians and even those who are not part of the faith hear the word angel, a certain image comes to mind, and this is the one that stained glass artists routinely choose to represent. Angels in church stained glass windows for sale frequently wear long flowing robes and have beautiful wings. Halos are also associated with angels in cathedral stained glass windows and other types of religious art. The idea that we all have angels watching over us is certainly a reassuring one, and religious stained glass depicting angels can promote feelings of tranquility and calm.

The Significance of Angels in the Christian Faith

To understand the importance of angels in the Christian faith, we only need to look to the Bible. These supernatural beings play a key role in the following events and others:

- *The Annunciation to Mary:* The Virgin Mother learned that she would be the one to carry and bear the Messiah from the archangel Gabriel. The angel tells Mary that she will conceive through the Holy Spirit, and the young woman receives the news with humility, acceptance, and grace.



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- *The Announcement of Christ's Birth to the Shepherds:* At the time of Christ's birth, the shepherds in the area were still out working in their fields. When an angel of the Lord appeared to them, they were filled with terror. The angel told them not to fear, and shared the joyous news of the arrival of the newborn king.
- *Christ's Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane:* It was in the Garden that Jesus asked God the Father to remove the bitter cup from His lips and excuse Him from His suffering. This request was one that could not be granted, but an angel did visit Jesus to comfort Him in His time of sorrow and despair.

Pictorial stained glass windows may show any of these biblical scenes involving angels mentioned above or simply depict one or more heavenly messengers set against a beautifully detailed background. Regardless of the scene, these mysterious creatures remind us that there are many things beyond the understanding of mortal men.

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