**WHY CALL HIM SAVIOR?**

**God’s Promise of a Savior**

**Luke 2:10-11**

* **The Bible uses more than three hundred names and titles to describe Jesus, but Jesus can no more be contained in these names and titles than we can contain the ocean in a collection of beautiful bottles.**
* *“But the angel said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.’”* (Luke 2:10-11).
* **Israel’s past abounded with human saviors, but Jesus took the title of Savior and gave it new and eternal meaning.**
* *“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”* (Luke 19:10)

**THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOR**

* *“Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.’”* (Luke 2:11)
* *“For a Child will be born for us, a Son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6).
* *“She will give birth to a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save his people from their sins.”* (Matthew 1:21)
* **If God promised something in the Bible He will see it come to fruition.**
* *“For every one of God’s promises is ‘Yes’ in him. Therefore, through him we also say ‘Amen’ to the glory of God.”* (2 Corinthians 1:20)

**THE PURPOSE OF THE SAVIOR**

* *“Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.’”* (Luke 2:11)
* Jesus - *“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”* (Luke 19:10)
* **Often, without knowing what they are longing for, lost people are crying out to be rescued.**
* **Until we are willing to admit to God that we fall far short of His glorious perfection, then whatever Jesus may have done for us will not make any difference—He does not force Himself upon us.**
* **Jesus paid the penalty for our sin but waits for us to accept, by faith, His gift of eternal salvation.**

**THE PROVISION OF THE SAVIOR**

* *“Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.’”* (Luke 2:11)
* **Jesus’ birth is not the beginning of a spiritual force, but the record of a Person who had an actual birthday.**
* *“Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me. His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times.”* (Micah 5:2).
* **God entered into humanity so that humanity would be able to enter eternity.**
* **Christmas isn’t about presents; it’s about Christ’s presence.**
* **You may not have family nearby, but your Heavenly Father is close at hand.**
* *“Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.’”* (Luke 2:11)

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