

“The Difference A Baby Makes – When His Name is Savior”

**“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to
you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”
Luke 2:1-20**

A. A Savior has come...

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1. A Savior was born to Joseph and Mary, a young virgin.
2. A Savior was born in Bethlehem while Joseph was in the town of his family lineage.
3. A Savior was born in humble beginnings.
4. A Savior was born with only shepherds and angels to announce His birth.

B. A Savior was predicted...

“...The virgin will conceive a child. She will give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’)” Isaiah 7:14

1. A Savior was born who ultimately fulfilled 354 prophecies of his birth, life, death and resurrection!

Old Testament Prediction

Christ would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
Christ was preceded by a messenger chosen by God (Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5)
Christ would be the Foundation on which the New Covenant would be based. (Isaiah 28:16)

Christ would preach Good News to the world.

(Isaiah 61:1-2; 52:7; 42:6-7; 49:6)

New Testament Fulfillment

Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1-10)
Jesus was introduced to Israel by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:2; John 1:29)
Jesus is called the Foundation (1 Cor. 3:11; 1 Peter 2:4-8)

Jesus is the Savior of men (Luke 4:16-21; 24:47; Matthew 28:19-20)

2. A Savior was born to fulfill the promise to restore the broken relationship between God and man.

“And I will cause hostility between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” Genesis 3:15

3. A Savior was born in Bethlehem.
“But you, Bethlehem... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” Micah 5:2

“Jesus was born in Bethlehem...” Matthew 2:1a

4. A Savior was born of a virgin.
“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14

“This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 1:18

C. A Savior was needed...

1. A Savior was needed to deliver us and forgive our sins.
“Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name’s sake.” Psalm 79:9

2. A Savior was needed to bear our burdens.
“Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.” Psalm 68:19

3. A Savior was needed to destroy death, to bring life and immortality to light, to equip us to make the gospel attractive, and to prepare us for His glorious return!
“but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” 2 Timothy 1:10

“...so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.” Titus 2:10
“while we wait for the blessed hope- the appealing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:13

4. A Savior was needed to reach the world.
“They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.’” John 4:42

D. A Savior has come for you...

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

1. He came to save you from your sins!
“When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.” Romans 5:12

2. He came to free you from your sins!
“Jesus gave His life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.” Galatians 1:4

3. He came to give you a satisfying life!
“...My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” John 10:10b

4. He came to give you eternal life!
“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23
“Jesus said, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me.’” John 14:6