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Luke 2:1-33

**Salvation Has Come To
Us**

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- THE PLACE
- THE PERSON
- THE PEOPLE
- THE PROMISE & PROPHECY

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THE PLACE

Luke 2:1-35

- Bethlehem - 70 miles from Nazareth.
- Bethlehem – House of Bread
- City of David

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THE PLACE

Micah 5:2 NIV

- But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

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THE PLACE

Luke 2:1-35

- In inconvenient situations could be the hand of God's providence.
- Build Character
- Bigger than yourself.

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THE PERSON

What's in a name?

- To retain the family heritage.
- An attribute the parents desire for their child; (Grace or Faith)
- Expresses a meaning or sentiment

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THE PERSON

JESUS (YESHUA)

JESUS – Jehovah Saves

The mission is in his name:

And she shall bring forth a son and you shall call his name **Jesus**, for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt 1:21

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THE PERSON

Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

The message is in his name:

Immanuel = God With Us

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THE PERSON

God with us - John 1:14

- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Jesus is not just a prophet, or a teacher or a holy man, but God, clothed in human flesh, living among us.

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THE PERSON

Luke 2:6-7

- “And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn Son..... and laid Him in a manger. Because there was **no room** available...”

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- “No Room” was not just the message of Bethlehem It was the theme of Jesus’s life.
- “He is despised and rejected by men, A man of sorrow and acquainted with grief” Isaiah 53;3

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THE PEOPLE

Luke 2:8-16

- The Shepherds didn't just hear the message of the angels and received it with joy
- They went to seek for Jesus
- They spread the news about what they had witnessed.

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The Promise & Prophecy

- Simeon praises God for fulfilling His promise
- ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. ³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."

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The Promise & Prophecy

- God fulfills his promise to Simeon
- Reaffirms Christ's purpose
- Foretells of Mary's pending Grief

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CONCLUSION

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