

Savior

Luke 2:8-11

I. Our Dilemma:

A. Limited Cultural Thinking

What the shepherds heard and what we hear... One of the problems with us is that apart from religious literature or fictional characters, we rarely think of a "savior" in a "this world" sense. Usually it is thought of solely in relation to religious thinking... maybe even sentimentally.

B. Dictionary

- a. one that saves from danger or destruction... what danger???
- b. One who brings salvation... from what???

C. The name "Jesus" derived from the Hebrew *Joshua* itself means salvation.

II. Jesus Came to Save from *Sin* - Matthew 1:21 - In Matthew's Gospel the angel tells Joseph that Mary's child is conceived of the Holy Spirit, and that he is "to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins"

A. To save people from their sins means to save them from the effects and the manifestations of their sins as well! This is not just religious sentimentalism but rather about everything that is wrong with us and our world! - Mark 2:5

B. One of the mysteries of answered prayer can be found here. We are usually seeking help or deliverance from the effects of sin yet God is seeking to deal with the whole problem...

III. What is Salvation

The content of God's salvation includes personal and national deliverance from one's enemies, deliverance from slavery (Deut 24:18), ongoing protection and preservation from evil (Ps. 121), escape from death (Psalm 68:19), healing (Psalm 69:29; Jer 17:14), inheritance of land, descendants, and long life.

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IV. What is our Part?

- a. Ask!
- b. **Romans 10:8-13**