

Sin Series 06 - He Came to Save Sinners

This is what Christmas is all about!

- 1 Tim 1:15 (ESV) "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, of whom I am the foremost."

"Our sins separate us from God"

- Isa 59:2 ESV but **your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God**, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

There is NO ONE TO MEDIATE (Job's frustration)

- Job 9:32-34 NIV "He is not a mere mortal like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court. 33 If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together, 34 someone to remove God's rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more.
- (ESV) 33 **There is no arbiter between us, who might lay his hand on us both.**

WHAT WAS UNIQUE ABOUT THE BIRTH OF JESUS? Billions are born

Mat 1:18-23 ESV Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, **before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.** 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for **that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.** 21 She will bear a son, and you shall **call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.** 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and **they shall call his name Immanuel**" (which means, God with us).

- Mary was with child from the Holy Spirit BEFORE she and Joseph came together as husband & wife
- His name reminds him of His calling - Jesus, "because he will save his people from their sins"
- He is called "Immanuel" which means "GOD WITH US" - GOD TOOK ON FLESH TO TO FOR US

He is BOTH Immanuel "God with us" - AND the mediator the MAN Christ Jesus

- 1Ti 2:3-6 ESV This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of **God our Savior**, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is **one God**, and there is **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**, 6 who gave himself as a **ransom** for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

WHAT WAS UNIQUE ABOUT JESUS' CRUCIFIXION? 100,000 to 150,000 executed by crucifixion¹

- 1) **ALL OUR SIN WAS LAID ON HIM** -- Isa 53:6 (ESV) "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and **the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
- 2) **GOD DIED FOR US** -- Col 1:19-22 ESV For **in him [JESUS] all the fullness of God** was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, **making peace by the blood of his cross.** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **has now reconciled in his body** of flesh by his death, in order **to present you holy and blameless and above reproach** before him. [He is the arbiter who has put a hand on both God and Man]
- 3) **SIN DOES NOT WIN IN THE END** Eph 5:25-27 ESV Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might **sanctify** her, having **cleansed** her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in **splendor**, without **spot** or **wrinkle** or any such thing, that she might be **holy** and **without blemish.**

¹ <https://www.patternsofevidence.com/2022/02/25/evidence-of-crucifixion/#:~:text=It%20is%20estimated,converting%20to%20Christianity>.