

“Jesus Saves Absolutely”

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The Christmas Story - Matthew 1-3; Luke 1-2

Christmas: A Story of Paradox and Contrast

The Paradox of Christmas

1. Birth of a **sinless** Jesus to an **unwed** mother
2. A story of **joy** in the midst of **tragedy**.
3. The **lowly** in this story are important – while those with position and prominence are **insignificant**.

Jesus Saves Absolutely – Christmas Contrasts

1. Jesus goes through **human birth** so that we might experience **heavenly birth**.

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”
John 1:12

2. There being **no room** available for Jesus, but He has **many rooms** prepared for us.

“And she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7

“In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.” John 14:2

3. Jesus became a member of a **human family** so we might be part of the **family of God**.

“On coming to the house, they saw the Child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.” Matt. 2:11

“You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus” Gal. 3:26

4. Angels rejoiced over **His birth** – angels rejoice when we are **born again**.

“So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby, who was lying in the manger.” Luke 2:16

“In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:10

5. Jesus was pursued by a **wicked king** so that he might destroy an **evil ruler** who seeks to destroy us.

“When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the Child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him.” Matt. 2:13

“Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” Heb. 2:14-15

6. Babies represent **new life** filled with potential. Jesus was **born to die** for the sins of mankind.

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.” Heb. 2:9