

Light of the World

Personal Savior

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⁴ Life was in him, and that life was the light for all people.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness. But the darkness has not overcome the light. **John 1:4-5 NIRV**

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. **John 1:12 NLT**

1. Not interested

- Many wanted political salvation
- Already had a sin system

²⁶ ...God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" ²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!" ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" **Luke 1:26-33 NLT**

2. Believing changes everything

- Believing makes it personal
- Believing in Jesus brings life

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. ²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins..." ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.

Matthew 1:18-21, 24 NLT

¹⁶ "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. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. **John 3:16-17 NLT**

Next Steps:

- ☐ I believe that Jesus is my savior and I make him #1 in my life and commit to follow him
- ☐ Share my story of believing in Jesus with someone this week
- ☐ Examine myself and my faith this week, placing Jesus as #1
- ☐ Memorize John 3:16-17
- ☐ Invite a friend to Christmas Eve service
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