

“O the love that drew salvation’s plan!
O the grace that brought it down to man!
O the mighty gulf that God did span...”

- Excerpt, “At Calvary”



GOD'S PRICELESS GIFT:
IN THE TOWN OF DAVID,
A SAVIOR

Luke 2:10-11



Two main sections:

“In the town of David”
The word of the prophets

“A Savior”
The mission (Luke 19:10; John 3:17)

IN THE TOWN OF DAVID

Micah 5:2 (cf Matt. 2:6; John 7:42)

“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.” - 8th century BC

“From of old” – aforesime, eternal

“From ancient times” – the most distant times, eternal

THE ORIGINAL PROMISE KEEPER

God's faithfulness, His omniscience and His sovereignty are on full display through the prophets.

More than 70 major OT prophecies fulfilled by Jesus.

The odds of one person fulfilling even 8 of those prophecies is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000

A SAVIOR

“Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.” – Luke 1:31

Angel to Joseph: “(Mary) will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matt. 1:21

Jeshua, “the LORD saves”

WHERE HE FOUND US

Ephesians 2

“Dead in our transgressions and sins”

“Objects of wrath”

“Separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel, foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God.”

“Far away”

“Foreigners and aliens”


Romans 5

“Powerless”

“Ungodly”

“Still sinners”

“God’s enemies”



“Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
‘Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope – the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.”

- Excerpt, “O Holy Night”

WHERE HE BROUGHT US

Ephesians 2

“Alive with Christ”

“Raised up with Christ, seated with Him in the heavenly realms”

“Near, through the blood of Christ”

We “have access to the Father”

“Fellow citizens w/God’s people, members of His household”

Romans 5

“Justified” (fully pardoned)

“Saved from God’s wrath”

“Reconciled to God”

“Eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”

HOW WE CAN ACCESS IT

2 Cor. 5:21 “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us...”

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith...”

John 6:29 “The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent.”