



We Need a Savior

Why Christmas? – Part 2

Luke 1:26-38

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Q: Why do you celebrate Christmas the way you do? Why is Christmas special to you?

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Matthew 1:21, *"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

II. We Need a King. (Vs. 32-33)

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II Samuel 7:13-14 *"He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men."*

III. We Need God with Us. (Vs. 34-35)

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Mt. 1:23 *"BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."*

Point: – God gave us Christmas because we need God with us.

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What is one good thing that you have seen taken too far by our culture?
2. How have you experienced Christmas taken too far so that it is hard to understand the point?
3. What is your "Why Christmas?" this year? Where are you finding spiritual significance in Advent / Christmas this year?
4. When and where do you see your need for a Savior? When have you experienced salvation?
5. When have you experienced God-with-us?

