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God Loves You!

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God loves you, His creation. In the Gospel of John, John shares how much God loved and loves His creation;

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”(Jn 3:16-21 NASB)

God sent His Son Jesus so that the world might be saved through Him. John continues to share that we live in a dark, lost, evil and sinful world but there is hope and good news described as Light and that Light is God’s Son, Jesus the Savior and Messiah. How, when, where and why did God send His Son? John answered the why question, because He loved His world, His creation, His man. In the Gospel of Luke, in chapter 1, Luke tells of the events surrounding the advent of the birth of Jesus, the long awaited Messiah. In chapter 2, Luke documents the arrival of God’s Son Jesus, the Savior.

“Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”(Lk 2:1-7 NASB)

Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem to register for the census. Mary, being 9 months pregnant, likely wasn’t thrilled to travel 70 miles walking or possibly on a donkey over rugged terrain, a very difficult journey, to fulfill a government directive, but she and Joseph complied with the order. Additionally, upon arrival they stayed in a very humble setting, a stable, where Jesus, the long awaited Messiah, was born.

Those that came to worship the baby, Jesus the Messiah and Savior, were from humble stations of life like shepherds and those of perceived greater stations in life like the magi from the east. (Mt 2:1) Jesus was not only the King of the Jews, the Messiah and Savior but also the Immanuel or God With Us (Mt1:23, Is. 8:8, 10). Jesus came that the world might be saved through Him (Jn 3:17)

Prophecies of the OT were fulfilled in Jesus Christ; *The Son of God*, Ps2:7 – Lk 1:32, 35; *His coming at a set time*, Da 9:24,25 – Lk 2:1; *His being born of a virgin*, Is 7:14 – Mt 1:22, Lk 2:7; *His being born in Bethlehem*, Mi5:2 – Mt 2:1, Lk2:4-6 and over 65 other OT prophecies. God’s timing is always perfect.

God didn’t save the world or man by His love, but because of His love He saved it by His mercy and grace found only in and through Jesus the Christ for all who have faith and believe in Him. (Jn 3:16, Eph 2:8-9)

For Your Consideration:

- God gave His only Son, Jesus Christ the Messiah for you. Have you put your faith and trust in Him alone?
- Like the shepherds and magi do you seek to worship Him?
- In difficult times do you believe that God’s will can and will be accomplished?

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