

# FINDING CHRISTMAS

## The person of Christmas

### Savior—Jesus

*“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.” Luke 1:31*

*“There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12*

*“But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all . . . Unjustly condemned, he was led away . . . But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people . . . He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.” Isaiah 53:5-6,8,12*

### God—who understands

- Son of Mary

*“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.” Luke 1:31*

- Very great . . . Son of the Most High . . . holy Son of God

*“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 . . . The angel replied, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.’” Luke 1:32,35*

- The Incarnation—both God and man

*“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:15-16*

## The person of Christmas (cont.)

### King

*“. . . The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!” Luke 1:32-33*

- Kingdom of peace

*“. . . I will destroy all the weapons used in battle, and your king will bring peace to the nations . . .” Zechariah 9:10*

- Kingdom of righteousness

*“. . . I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.” Jeremiah 23:5*

- Kingdom that is eternal

*“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6*

*“So also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:28*

## What do you need this Christmas?

- Savior
- Relationship and understanding
- King, peace, righteousness, hope

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