

The Coming of the Savior

Luke 2:10-14, various texts

Why a Baby?

- Why did we need this child to come into the world the way He did?
 - If God wanted to step into human history, could He have done so without becoming human?
 - Or could He have simply come as an adult?
- Not if He wanted to accomplish all His mission
 - Including being the Savior of humanity (Luke 2:11-12)
- Jesus coming as a baby was a sign that He came to be our Savior
- He came to be human in every way, so that He might experience every aspect of humanity:
 - In order to sympathize with us (Heb. 4:15)
 - Thus, the rags & manger
 - Before this, Jesus did not know what poverty was like, because, as God, He owned all things
 - Before this, Jesus did not know what powerlessness was like, because, as God, He was all-powerful
 - So, He took on the lowest, most vulnerable of humanity to know what it was truly like to be human (Phil. 2:6-8)
 - In order to redeem it all (Tit 2:14; Col. 1:17-22)
 - In order for Jesus to do His redemptive work on the Cross, He needed to be an appropriate substitute for us (Heb. 2:17)

The Great Savior

- Jesus came to be our Savior because we needed saving
 - From our sins
 - From death
 - From ourselves
- That's why He is named 'Jesus' (Matt. 1:21)
 - It means "The Lord saves"

So What?

- We celebrate Jesus coming to be our Great Savior
 - Saving us from our sins, death, and ourselves
- Are we trusting Him to do this in us?
 - And declaring it to the world!

Meditation Verse: Matthew 1:2