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**DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SAVIOR?**

## MATTHEW 1:18–25 (NIV)

- ▶ 18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

## MATTHEW 1:18–25 (NIV) – CON'T

- ▶ 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

## MATTHEW 1:18–25 (NIV) – CON'T

- ▶ 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

## MATTHEW 1:18–25 (NIV) – CON'T

- ▶ 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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## CENTRAL IDEA

- ▶ Through faith, believers are able to share in all the saving benefits achieved by Jesus Christ through his obedience to God the Father.

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2. Qualities of the Savior
3. He Saves through his Grace
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# JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR

- ▶ Jesus Christ is called Savior
  - ▶ Titus 1:4 (NIV) – 4 To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.
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- ▶ *also Lk 2:11 ; Tt 3:6 ; 2 Pe 1:1 ; 2 Pe 3:2 ; 2 Pe 3:18*



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## JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR

- ▶ Jesus Christ is the promised Savior
  - ▶ Acts 13:23 (NIV) – 23 “From this man’s descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised.
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- ▶ *also Lk 1:69-75 ; Lk 2:28-30*

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# JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR

- ▶ Jesus Christ's purpose is to save
  - ▶ Luke 19:10 (NIV) – 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
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- ▶ *also Mt 1:21 ; 1 Ti 1:15*

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## QUALITIES OF THE SAVIOR

- ▶ Unique Savior
  - ▶ Acts 4:12 (NIV) – 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”
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- ▶ *also Jn 6:68-69 ; Jn 10:9 ; Jn 14:6 ; Ac 10:42-43*

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## QUALITIES OF THE SAVIOR

▶ Complete Savior

▶ Hebrews 7:25 (NIV) – 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

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▶ *also Jn 19:30 ; Php 3:21 ; Col 1:19-20 ; Heb 5:9 ; Heb 9:26-28 ; 1 Jn 1:9 ; Jud 24*

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## QUALITIES OF THE SAVIOR

▶ Savior of the World

▶ John 4:42 (NIV) – 42 They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

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▶ *also Lk 2:30-32 ; 1 Ti 2:5-6 ; 1 Ti 4:10 ; 1 Jn 4:14*

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## HE SAVES THROUGH HIS GRACE

▶ Acts 15:11 (NIV) – 11 No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

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▶ *also Ro 3:24 ; Eph 5:23-27 ; Tt 3:4-5*

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## HE SAVES THROUGH HIS GRACE

- ▶ Saves by His death
- ▶ 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) – 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

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▶ *also Mt 20:28 ; Lk 24:45-47 ; Jn 1:29 ; Jn 1:36 ; Jn 10:15 ; Jn 10:17-18 ; 1 Co 1:18 ; Re 7:10*

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## HE SAVES THROUGH HIS GRACE

- ▶ Saves by His Resurrection life
  - ▶ 1 Peter 3:21 (NIV) – 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
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- ▶ *also Ro 5:10 ; 2 Ti 1:10*



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## HE SAVES THROUGH HIS GRACE

- ▶ Saves by His Coming Again
  - ▶ Philippians 3:20 (NIV) – 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,
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- ▶ *also Tt 2:13; Heb 9:28; 1 Pe 1:5*

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## HE SAVES THROUGH HIS GRACE

▶ Saves by Defeating Satan

▶ 1 John 3:8 (NIV) – 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

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▶ *also Jn 13:31; Jn 16:11; Heb 2:14; Re 2:10-11*

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## HE SAVES TO BRING PEOPLE TO GOD

- ▶ Saves for Eternal Life

- ▶ John 6:40 (NIV) – 40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

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- ▶ *also Jn 3:14-16; Jn 3:36; Jn 5:24-25; Ro 6:23*

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## HE SAVES TO BRING PEOPLE TO GOD

- ▶ Saves so that People may Live for God
  - ▶ 1 John 4:9 (NIV) – 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.
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- ▶ *also Ro 6:8-11; Ro 7:21-25; Ga 2:20; 2 Ti 1:9; Heb 9:14-15; 1 Pe 2:24; 1 Jn 3:5-6; 1 Jn 5:18*

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## SALVATION IS RECEIVED THROUGH OBEDIENT FAITH

▶ Acts 2:38 (NIV)

▶ 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

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▶ *See also Ac 2:21; 16:30-31; Ro 10:13; Joe 2:32; Ro 1:16; Ro 10:9; 2 Th 2:13; 2 Ti 3:15*

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# PLAN OF SALVATION — HEAR

- ▶ Romans 10:17 (NIV)
- ▶ 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

# PLAN OF SALVATION — BELIEVE

▶ Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

▶ 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.



# PLAN OF SALVATION — CONFESS

- ▶ 1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)
- ▶ 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

# PLAN OF SALVATION — REPENT

▶ Acts 17:30 (NIV)

▶ 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

▶ Acts 26:20 (NIV)

▶ 20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

# PLAN OF SALVATION — BE BAPTIZED

- ▶ Acts 2:38 (NIV)
- ▶ 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

# PLAN OF SALVATION — REMAIN STEADFAST

▶ Revelation 2:10 (NIV)

▶ 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

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