**Tis the Season** *\*\*Series Graphic\*\**

**To Remember Christ**

(Luke 1:26-31)

“…God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and **you are to call him Jesus**.”

1. **Yeshua**—*rescue, save, deliver*.

(Galatians 1:3-4)

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins **to rescue us** from the present evil age,”

(Colossians 1:13-14)

“For he has **rescued us** from the dominion of darkness,”

 Christmas is **remembering** Jesus came to **save us**.

(Luke 1:31-32)

“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the **Son of the Most High**.”

(Luke 1:34-35)

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the **Son of God**.”

1. **Son of God**—*a miraculous virgin birth.*

The virgin birth affirms Christ’s **divinity** and fulfills **prophecy**.

(Isaiah 7:14)

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The **virgin** will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him **Immanuel**.”

1. **Immanuel**—*God with us*.

(Matthew 1:22-23)

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

(Hebrews 2:14-18)

“Since the children have flesh and blood,**he too shared in their humanity** so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, **he is able to help those who are being tempted**.”

 Remember, this Christmas, Jesus is **with you** in your **struggles**.

(Isiah 9:6)

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

1. **Wonderful Counselor—***perfect in wisdom.*
2. **Mighty God—***fully man yet fully God.*

(Colossians 2:9-10)

“For in Christ all the **fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form**, and in Christ **you have been brought to fullness**. He is the head over **every** power and authority.”

 Christmas is remembering that God has **power** over **everything**!

1. **Everlasting Father—***Jesus is the perfect reflection of the Father.*

(Psalm 103:13)

“As a father has **compassion** on his children, so the Lord has **compassion** on those who fear him.”)

 Christmas is remembering the **compassion** of the Lord.

1. **Prince of Peace—***Jesus brings us to a place of peace with God.*

(Romans 5:1)

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,”