

UNWRAPPING CHRISTMAS

“Wrapped in a Rescue Mission!”

¹⁸ *This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.* ¹⁹ *Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.* ²⁰ *As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.* ²¹ **And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”**
Matthew 1:18-21 (NLT)

¹⁰ *For the Son of Man came to **seek and save those who are lost.**”* **Luke 19:10 (NLT)**

⁴ *Jesus **gave his life for our sins**, just as God our Father planned, **in order to rescue us** from this evil world in which we live.* ⁵ *All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.*
Galatians 1:4-5 (NLT)

**JESUS CAME TO EARTH FOR ONE REASON:
TO GIVE HIS LIFE FOR OUR SINS SO WE COULD BE
RESCUED!**

²³ *for **all have sinned** and **fall short** of the glory of God...*
Romans 3:23 (NIV)

²⁴ *What a wretched man I am! **Who will rescue me** from this body that is subject to death?* ²⁵ **Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!**
Romans 7:24-25a (NIV)

**PEOPLE FOLLOW JESUS' COMMAND IN BAPTISM FOR
ONE REASON:
WE ARE GRATEFUL HE LOVED US ENOUGH TO SAVE US
FROM OUR SINS!**

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, **but to save the world through him.**

John 3:16-17 (NIV)