

THE ARRIVAL OF THE RESCUER

December 24, 2023

A WAR OF TWO KINGDOMS

The story of Christmas is about a Kingdom. Long ago, God created the world, and He even let someone kind of be like His Prince that would oversee the world, and his name was Adam. But Adam let another prince and *his* Kingdom come in and take over. And in that Kingdom of Darkness there is sin, death, and disobedience.

Romans 3.10-12, 23 // Isaiah 59.2 // 1 John 3.8 // John 16.33 // John 10.10, 11

THE RESCUE PLAN

Genesis 3.15 // John 1.3-5

Although Adam and Eve (and every human since!) should rightly be punished for the ways in which we turn against God, God instead promised that He would actually send a hero to *rescue* them from their own rebellion! And God did not want us to be in the dark on this, but even gave us many, many ways to know for sure who the Messiah is.

The odds of someone fulfilling these prophecies at random is statistically impossible. Consider just a few of these scientifically proven statistics:

- To fulfill just **eight** prophecies at random, you would have a 1 in 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 chance of doing so, that's 1 in 10^{17} (100 Quintillion).
- **To fulfill 30, you would have to hollow out NINE earths and fill them with dimes, and find the ONE red-painted dime blindfolded.**
- Jesus, however, fulfilled over 300 written about Him, including 30 in just **one specific day**. If this were a random man, it would be impossible, but this was not random, this was planned, and this was very intentional.

Colossians 1.13 // Isaiah 9.6, 7

THE VICTORY

John 6.29, 35-37

"I am the resurrection and the life.

**Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.**

Do you believe this?"

-Jesus, from John 11.25, 26

The ABC's of Salvation:

- Admit that you have sinned, that you have sinned against God, and that you need forgiveness.
- Believe that God has sent Jesus to conquer sin and death, and that He did. Believe that He is indeed God and came here because of His love for you and His desire to save you.
- Confess your faith in Him, Confess your need for Him and ask for Him to come into your life to make you alive and make you new.



NOTES:

Announcements:

New Years Nerf War! The Wargos will be hosting a Nerf War on January 1st at 2pm. They will have plenty of darts and guns, but feel free to bring your own nerf gun if you'd like. They will also have tacos and drinks in dart-free zones. Details and RSVP:



<http://evite.me/n1H8MPQxpq>

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 100

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Revelation 5.9

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Our Community Groups will be on break
over Christmas and New Years
until the week of January 21st.

A Few of the Prophecies that Were Fulfilled by Jesus

His Heritage:

- He'd be of the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **Genesis 12.3 // Matthew 1.1, 2**
- From the Tribe of Judah, one of Jacob's 12 sons. **Genesis 49.10**
- He would be a descendant of David and Jesse, David's father. **Jeremiah 23.5, 6.**

His Birth and Early Life:

- Born of a woman, who is also a virgin. **Isaiah 7.14 // Matthew 3.13, 21.11, 26.69**
- He would be born in Bethlehem. **Micah 5.2 // Luke 2.1-7**
- Though born in Bethlehem, He would be a Galilean. **Isaiah 9.1**
- His family would flee into Egypt to save His life. **Hosea 11.1 // Matthew 2.13-15**

His Adult Life:

- In **Malachi 3.1**, Malachi says to God "the Messenger of the Covenant in whom You delight" will come to the temple. This may not seem like a big deal, the Messiah going to the temple, but knowing that the temple has been destroyed since 70 AD leaves the Jews unable to expect the Messiah after that.
- He'd be preceded by a man announcing His arrival. **Isaiah 40.3 // Matthew 3.1-3**
- He will ride into Jerusalem on a young donkey. **Zechariah 9.9 // Luke 19.28-38**

His Betrayal and Death:

- He'd be betrayed by a friend who ate Him. **Psalms 41.9 // Matthew 26.49, 50**
- This 'friend' will betray Him by handing Him over to the authorities for thirty pieces of silver; then, that payment would be thrown down to the potter in the temple, which is a burying place for strangers. **Zechariah 11.12, 13 // Matthew 27.5-7**
- He will be rejected, beaten, mocked, and have His beard plucked out. **Isaiah 50.6, 53.3 // Matthew 26.67, 27.39-44**
- His clothes will be gambled for. **Psalms 22.18 // John 19.23, 24**
- He would be scourged and crucified; yet crucifixion was not invented until hundreds of years after this prophecy. **Psalms 22.16 // Isaiah 53.5 // Luke 23.33**
- He won't be executed not alone, but alongside sinners. **Isaiah 53.12 // Matthew 27.38**
- None of His bones will be broken. This is significant because due to the method of crucifixion (which again, wasn't invented for hundreds of more years), executioners would break the legs of the condemned in order to speed up the process of death. This was part of the command for the Passover lamb in **Exodus**, that the Hebrews were not to break any bones of the lamb. It was a foreshadowing of *the* Lamb of God. **Exodus 12.46 // Psalms 34.20 // John 19.32-36**
- He would be buried in a tomb owned and donated by a rich man. **Isaiah 53.9 // Matthew 27.57-60**
- He'll raise from the grave after bearing the world's sin. **Isaiah 53.10, 11 // Acts 2.32**



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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