

*“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

Romans 10:9 (NLT)

*“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”*

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

## THE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

*“God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”*

John 3:17 (NLT)

*“For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.*

*The government will rest on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called:*

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

*For God says,*

*“At just the right time, I heard you.  
On the day of salvation, I helped you.”*

2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT)



## "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus"

- Who is Jesus?

### 1. JESUS

*“And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”* Matthew 1:21 (NLT)

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”* John 1:29 (NLT)

*“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. <sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience*

*to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. "*  
Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

*"Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who  
come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede  
with God on their behalf."  
Hebrews 7:25 (NLT)*

## **2. EMMANUEL**

*"All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his  
prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Look! The virgin will conceive a child!  
She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel,  
which means 'God is with us.'"  
Matthew 1:22-23 (NLT)*

*"I waited patiently for the LORD to help me,  
and he turned to me and heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the pit of despair,  
out of the mud and the mire.  
He set my feet on solid ground  
and steadied me as I walked along.  
<sup>3</sup> He has given me a new song to sing,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see what he has done and be amazed.  
They will put their trust in the LORD."  
Psalm 40:1-3 (NLT)*

## **3. MESSIAH**

*"The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today  
in Bethlehem, the city of David!"  
Luke 2:11 (NLT)*

*"I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the  
Chosen One of God." John 1:34 (NLT)*

*Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have  
found the Messiah" (which means "Christ").  
John 1:41 (NLT)*

*"So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are  
offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense."  
1 Corinthians 1:23 (NLT)*

*"You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We  
preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are  
your servants for Jesus' sake."  
2 Corinthians 4:5 (NLT)*

## **4. LORD**

*"The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today  
in Bethlehem, the city of David!"  
Luke 2:11 (NLT)*

*"Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor  
and gave him the name above all other names,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father."  
Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT)*