

Believe

THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGELS

Introduction:

- If Christmas is a time to “believe,” what is it, exactly, that we can believe in?
- Last week we learned that we can believe the word of the prophets.
- This morning, we’re going to learn that we can believe the message of the angel who appeared to Joseph.

What Jesus Means

“She will bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus...” (Matthew 1: 21a)

Jesus – Greek translation of Hebrew name _____

Jesus/Joshua – _____ is of the Lord

Jesus is a form of the Hebrew Joshua, Jeshua, or Jehoshua, the basic meaning of which is “Jehovah will save.” All other men who had those names testified by their names to the Lord’s salvation. But this One who would be born to Mary not only would testify of God’s salvation, but would himself be that salvation. By his own work He would save His people from their sin. John MacArthur, NT Commentary Series; Matthew 1-7, p. 39

Simeon and Anna both testified when seeing Jesus that they had seen God’s _____.

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

What Jesus Did

“...for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21b).

Bad News: We have a problem – _____

It’s called: _____

- Biblically stated:
Ephesians 2:1-3
Isaiah 59:1-3

But...Good News! God brought the solution – _____

God did something _____.

God so loved the world He gave His one and only Son... (John 3:16)

God did something _____.

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

God did something _____.

[Jesus Christ] is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2).

How Can We Respond to God’s Offer of Reconciliation?

1. _____ It

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).

2. _____ It

3. _____ It