

Texts: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (Page 613 in Pew Bible)*
Luke 2:10-11, 29-32 (Page 857 in Pew Bible)

Title: “God and Sinners Reconciled” –
Celebrating the Gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ

1. God promised to send a Savior who would bring us salvation from sin's punishment and curse.
(Isaiah 52:13-53:9)
 - This Savior would perfectly submit to God's wisdom as His suffering Servant. **(52:13)**
 - This Savior would be despised, rejected, and misunderstood by mankind. **(53:1-4)**
 - This Savior would undergo an innocent and brutal death for our sin in our place. **(52:14; 53:5-8)**
 - This Savior would die among the wicked and be buried in the tomb of a rich man. **(53:9)**

2. God promised to send a Savior who would reconcile us to our Creator. **(Isaiah 53:10-12)**
 - This Savior would fully fulfill the will of God by conquering over the curse of sin and death and living to see spiritually dead sinners come to life. **(53:10)**
 - This Savior would reconcile sinners to God by making them righteous before God through His ministry of justification and imputation. **(53:11)**
 - This Savior would victoriously triumph over sin and would pray for those that He came to save. **(53:12)**

3. God fulfilled His promise by sending His own Son to be our suffering Savior, our substitute Sacrifice, and our righteous Messiah (“Christ”). (**Luke 2:10-11; 29-32**)
 - It is “good news” that God’s Son has come! (2:10)
 - It is a message that every person should believe with “great joy.” (2:10)
 - It is a gift of salvation and peace that is awesome in its power and eternality because of its Giver. (2:10, 14)
 - It is a Gospel of “light” and “glory” because of its Creator (2:29-32) and because of His mercy (1:76-79).

Application

1. **John 1:29** – Jesus Christ is the promised Lamb of God Who **alone** can save us from sin’s punishment of eternal spiritual death and physical anguish and torment.
2. **John 3:16-17** – Everyone who receives God’s **free gift** of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ is forever saved from God’s holy and righteous wrath and becomes a born-again child of God.
3. **John 3:18-20** – Everyone who **rejects** God’s free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ remains condemned because of their sin, remains in spiritual darkness, and remains on a heavily-traveled road to eternal damnation.

Christmas always brings us to a crossroads of faith. Who will you worship? Jesus Christ—or yourself?



Big Idea: God calls us to believe in Jesus Christ and rejoice in His glorious gift of salvation through His Son.