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SETUP VERSE: Titus 3:4-8

REVIEW

- Week 1: Jesus is: God
- Week 2: Jesus is: Fulfillment
- Week 3: Jesus is: Messiah & Savior

THE MESSIAH**Before the New Testament**

- The people were waiting for the Messiah (Anointed One, Savior).
- They had various ideas about who the Messiah would be and what He would do.
- There had been 400 years of silence from God between Malachi and Matthew.
- Malachi 3 foretold His coming—the Messiah, the Anointed One. (Last week, we saw how Jesus fulfilled this prophecy.)

The Announcement

- Luke 2:8-20
- The angels themselves pronounced Jesus
- The shepherds went, saw, and believed

Shown to be the Messiah

- Jesus says, "If you don't believe Me, at least believe because of the works I do" (John 10:36-38)
- Nicodemus went to Jesus, "We know You are from God because of the works You do" (John 3:1-2).
- The people tried to make Him king, believing Him to be the Messiah and the coming Anointed Prophet, but He refused (John 6:14-15).
- Jesus declared Himself the Messiah, and they sought to kill Him for it (Mark 14:60-62).
- Their view of the Messiah & God stopped them from coming to him. (John 5:35-39)

SAVIOR OF THE WORLD**What Is He Saving Us From?**

- We have all fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
- We are all infected by sin and therefore guilty (Isaiah 64:6-7).
- The penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23).
- We are separated from Him.

Colossians 1:21-22

²¹This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²²Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

- He took our punishment and paid for it with His blood.
- 1 Peter 1:18-21

He Invites Us All

- 1 Timothy 2:3-6
- Isn't it crazy?
 - Shepherds
 - Later (Pharisees)
 - Tax collectors
 - Prostitutes
 - Sinners
 - He calls us to be people who share:

CLOSE

- Do you know you're invited? Do you need to place your trust in God?
- Has your view of God hindered your ability to trust Him?
- Do you need to spend time in worship today, reflecting on our amazing Messiah and Savior?
- Is there someone you need to share this with?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you from this message? Why?
2. Read Luke 2:8-20
 - What stands out to you in this passage?
 - What can we learn from the shepherds?
3. Read Colossians 1:21-22, 1 Peter 1:18-21, and 1 Timothy 2:3-6
 - What stands out to you in these passages?
 - What response can we have from them?
4. Do you ever have an incorrect view or belief about God that impacts your ability to go to Him?
5. Prayer requests



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