

## He Came To Clean Up Our Mess

**A Savior has  
been born to you.**

*Luke 2:11*



**Picture Yourself  
Right There**

### **The Birth of Jesus**

1In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3And everyone went to his own town to register.

4So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11Today in the town of David **a Savior has been born to you**; he is Christ the Lord. 12This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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### ❖ **He Did It for Us**

Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, **God did it for us.** Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. **A pure gift.** He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:23-24 Msg

**God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift.**

In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition, **entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity** in order to set it right once and for all.

Romans 8:3 Msg

**For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish  
but have eternal life.**

John 3:16

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NIRV - New International Readers' Version

CEV - Contemporary English Version

LB - Living Bible paraphrase

GWV - God's Word Version

NLT - New Living Translation

MSG - The Message

NAS - New American Standard Bible

Amp - Amplified Bible

WSV - Word on the Street Version