

# UNSTOPPABLE - CHRISTMAS SERIES of 2014

THE CELEBRATION, ADORATION AND MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

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Introduction to the Text:

John 3:15-19

**!!!MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

John 3:15-19

For whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **18** “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

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## 1.) Is His Mission to Save

Christmas is all about and only about The Coming of Jesus Christ to Mankind.

Also, I want you to be asking some questions about:

What is Christmas? Why do we even have a Christmas? Where did the idea come from? Should I even care about acknowledging Christmas?

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world (*the motive*) that He gave His only begotten Son, (*the means*) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (*the method*) **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (*the mission*).

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IS HIS MISSION TO SAVE AND THAT MISSION IS CHRISTMAS

## 1a.) Salvation is offensive, but why is it?

Why would the thought, the prospect, of salvation be *offensive* to someone?

**The first offense comes with the very word “Salvation”.**

The word salvation implies that I am *in need* of being saved or rescued from the situation that is greater than my ability.

**The second offense comes because “Salvation” also implies that I am *incapable* or *unable* to rescue or redeem or save myself by my own human merit or good works.**

The **third offense** comes because it means that a man or woman, who thinks that they can reform themselves by religion, can do it themselves. If that were true, they would have no need for an external Savior because they would be looking to themselves to save themselves.

## SALVATION IS OFFENSIVE TO SOME, AND HERE'S WHY.

### Luke 2:6-14

So it was, that while Joseph and Mary were there, the days were completed for her to deliver. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, **"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."** 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 **"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" - - Because The Savoir Had Arrived!**

But the Bible quickly tells us that,  
"When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."

### Matthew 2:3-4

**When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

## The Thought of God Interrupting Our Party Doesn't Sit Well With Us.

But Perhaps The Single Most Offensive Truth About Christmas is This...

### Romans 3:23

For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,

**sinned** ἁμαρτάνω hamartano, ham-ar-tan'-o; to miss the target or to miss the mark. to fault or to err from perfect.

### Isaiah 64:6 NLT

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind.

So Jack, you mean to tell me that **"I need saving, I need salvation?"** That's right my friend.

**What does the Bible say about you / us as humans?**

**That we're lost and separated from God by sin – is there evidence of that?**

**What do we honestly know about ourselves?**

**That we struggle with guilt & are plagued by fears - is there evidence of that?**

**I want you to think about your awareness  
of right and wrong; your ability to judge and to possess a morality.**

**Next, I want you to think about how you cope or  
deal with or find a solution to your guilt.**

- (1) You shall have no other gods but Me.
- (2) You shall not make unto you any graven images.
- (3) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- (4) You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
- (5) Honor your mother and father.
- (6) You shall not murder.
- (7) You shall not commit adultery.

- (8) You shall not steal.
- (9) You shall not bear false witness.
- (10) You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Romans 3:19-20**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

**Next, I want you to think about what possible remedy for sin has worked for you thus far?**

**The reason why Christmas is offensive to some people is because they fear that it just might be true.**

**No one finds fairy god mothers & tooth fairies offensive and worthy of a fight?**

**Christmas and the Message of Christmas is an invasion; It's an advent, it's a revelation to mankind.**

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**1b.) Salvation is exclusive, but why is it?**

OK, so first you offend me by telling me **I need to be saved**, now you're telling me that **there is only one way** that I can be saved.

Why would salvation, the road to eternal life be **exclusive** to someone?

**First of all, What do you know about Salvation?**

**A: That all roads lead to God?**

**A: That it doesn't matter so long as you're sincere.**

**A: That so long as your good deeds outweigh your bad.**

**A: That all you have to do is just believe in Jesus**

Listen, Check this out. The price that God paid for man's salvation was universal. But the salvation experience itself, is not universal.

**2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

**1 John 2:2**

And He Himself is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Dr. Charles Ryrie writes;

"Propitiation is the turning away of wrath by an offering. In relation to soteriology, propitiation means the placating or satisfying of the wrath of God by the atoning and acceptable sacrifice of Jesus Christ."

Why would salvation be **exclusive**? Because the **"having it"** or the **"experiencing it"** is **predicated** upon a **relationship**

**John 1:10-12**

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as **received** λαμβάνω *lambano take possession, seize Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

**Jeremiah 29:12**

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13** And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you, says the Lord,

The Christmas Message is that  
**#1** God came down to us. **#2** He invited us to know Him.  
**#3** We see both shepherds and Magi in pursuit of Him.

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**1c.) Salvation is liberating, but why is it?**

Now we go, as it were, inside. (with this question)  
How can what we believe be so powerful that it affects us to our deepest core?

The Claims that the Christmas Christ – Jesus, can set people free.

**Isaiah 45:22**

“Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

On the most carnal level, when a man is convicted of a crime

and is sentenced, he is not to come out until he has “paid his debt to society. But once he has satisfied the law, he is freed. That crime, once committed, no longer has any power over him. The price has been paid and he goes free. But why and how does this work?

The man, once held under the sentence is freed and so is his conscience. The punishment spent and the debt paid brought to him a deep sense of relief and restoration.

Now, on the most Extravagant Scale; God has gone through great lengths to give you all that is needed for you to come to the place of trusting Him at His word when He says, “Your sins have separated you from ultimate liberty and freedom. Your debt is so great that no human being is qualified to pay it for you even if he wanted to.”

I am offering you absolute and total forgiveness of that debt and “pure acceptance” because of the price that was paid for you by the Son of God, your Savior.

**Not only are my sins paid for and forgiven, The Bible says**

that God no longer considers them. In human terms, “He doesn’t remember them anymore” but more accurately he no longer considers them because through Christ they no longer exist; they’ve been removed once and for all.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come

Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns

Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make  
His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love.

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

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