

*Come thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee*

## WHY DID GOD SEND JESUS ON A RESCUE MISSION?

### 1. BECAUSE LOVE WOULDN'T LEAVE US.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16, NIV)*

### 2. BECAUSE WE ARE HOPELESS WITHOUT HIM.

*"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." (Romans 3:23, NLT)*

*"who in the world can be saved?" they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, no one. But with God, everything is possible." (Matthew 19:25–26, The Living Bible)*

### Luke 2:1–14 (NIV84)

**2** *In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world...<sup>3</sup> And everyone went to his own town to register.*

*<sup>4</sup> So 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. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and 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.*

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

*<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

*<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to [everyone] on whom his favor rests."*

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE RESCUED?

1. **BELIEVE**

*“And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.” (John 17:3, NLT)*

2. **RECEIVE**

*“But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12, NLT)*

### **ACTION STEPS**

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