

2015 Christmas Series:

“Jesus Is... – The Perfect Savior”

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Little Johnnie desperately wanted a bright red wagon for Christmas. His friends were writing letters to Santa Claus, but Johnnie decided to go one better. "Dear Jesus," he wrote. "If I get a red wagon for Christmas, I won't fight with my brother Hank for a year." Then Johnnie thought, Oh, no, Hank is such a brat, I could never, ever keep that promise. So Johnnie threw away the letter and started again. "Dear Jesus, if I get a red wagon for Christmas, I will eat all my vegetables for a year." Then Johnnie thought, Oh, no, that means spinach, broccoli and asparagus. Yuck! I could never ever keep that promise.

Suddenly Johnnie had an idea. He went downstairs to the living room. From the mantel above the fireplace, he grabbed the family's statue of the Virgin Mary. Taking the statue to the kitchen he wrapped it in newspapers and stuffed it into a grocery bag. He took the bag upstairs to his room, opened the closet and placed the package in the farthest, darkest corner. He then closed the closet door, took a new sheet of paper and wrote, "Dear Jesus, if you ever want to see your mother..."

NKJV - *"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."*

3 Reasons Why Only Jesus Christ is "the Perfect Savior":

- I. It was the Perfect **SEASON**.
- II. He was the Perfect **PERSON**.
- III. He had the Perfect **REASON**.

I. It was the Perfect **SEASON**.

Gal 4:4 - *"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman.."*

God prepared the world in special ways for the coming of Christ:

- **Politically** - with **Rome**, enforcing the "Pax Romana".
- **Technologically** - with **Roads**, that allowed for travel.

- **Linguistically** - with **Greek**, being the world language.
- **Spiritually** - with **Israel**, longing for their Messiah.
- **"Twas the day after Christmas"** *Twas the day after Christmas, When all through the place There were arguments and depression - Even Mom had a long face. The stockings hung empty, And the house was a mess; New clothes didn't fit...and Dad was under stress. The family was irritable, And the children - no one could please; 'Cause the instructions for the swing set were written in Chinese! The bells no longer jingled..no carolers came around; The sink was stacked with dishes, And the tree was turning brown. The stores were full of people, returning things that fizzled and failed, The shoppers were discouraged 'cause everything purchased was now on sale! Twas the day AFTER Christmas, and the joy had disappeared; The whole family'd forgotten why Christ had come here!*

II. He was the Perfect PERSON.

Gal 4:4 - "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman.."

- **"Jesus Christ has no peers; there is no one to be compared with Him."** - **DL Moody**

God's Savior had to fulfill over a hundred specific prophecies:

- **Micah 5:2** - Born in **Bethlehem**.
- **Psalms 22:16** - The **Crucified One**.
- **Zechariah 11:12-13** - Betrayed for **30 silver** coins.
- **Daniel 9:24-27** - Only Jesus entered on the **173,880th** day!
- **Isaiah 7:14** - The **Virgin born** God-Man!
- **In December 1903, after many attempts, the Wright brothers were successful in getting their "flying machine" off the ground. Thrilled, they telegraphed this message to their sister Katherine: "We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas." Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, "How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas." He totally missed the big news - man had flown!**

III. He had the Perfect REASON.

Gal 4:5 - *"..to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."*

Humanity needed to be **"redeemed"** and saved from **sins consequences**:

- **Gen 3** - Adam infected **the human race** with sin.

- **Rom 3:23** - All of us have **sinned** against God.
- **Rom 6:23** - The price to pay for sin is **death!**
- **Lev 17:11** - The death of a **perfect blood sacrifice** is necessary!
- **"If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; But our greatest need was **FORGIVENESS**, so God sent us a **SAVIOR**."**

"Each of us is like the innkeeper of the Christmas story. Each of us decides if there is **room for Jesus in our lives!" - Neal A. Maxwell**