

Luke 1:26-38

What the World Needs This Christmas Sunday, 12/19/21 Pastor Stuart Fraser

I. Introduction: God sent Jesus into the world as a Savior because the world needed someone to come and redeem humanity from sin's curse.

II. What the World Needs This Christmas (Luke 1:26-38).

- A. The World Needs a Light (vv. 26-27).
 - 1. God sent Jesus into Galilee to be born of a virgin so that He might shine the light of His truth into the world and illuminate mankind of their true needs.
- B. The World Needs a Son (vv. 28-31a).
 - 1. The angel approached Mary and said she was about to give birth to the long-anticipated Son God had promised would defeat the serpent.
- C. The World Needs a Savior (vv. 31b-33).
 - 1. Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to a Son, and He would be named Jesus because He would save mankind from their sins.
- D. The World Needs a Miracle (vv. 34-38).
 - 1. Gabriel told Mary that the Holy Spirit would supernaturally come upon her so that she would give birth to the Son of God, though she was a virgin.
- III. Conclusion: What the world needs this Christmas is for God to come and save humanity from their sins through His Son's supernatural work at the cross.

Questions About: What The World Needs This Christmas

- 1. What does the world need this Christmas? What would the world be like without Jesus? Why did God send Jesus to Earth? (**Luke 19:10; John 3:16**) Why was He needed?
- 2. Who did God send to Nazareth to deliver His message? (Luke 1:26-27) Why did God send Jesus into Galilee? (Isa 9:1-2) How was He light to those in Nazareth? (Luke 4:14-30)
- 3. Why does the world still need God's Light? (John 3:19-21) How are sinners still living in darkness? (John 12:39-40; 2 Cor 4:4) How does Jesus illuminate hearts? (John 9:1-41)
- 4. Why does the world need a Son? (**Luke 1:28-31a**) What promise did God make to Adam and Eve? (**Gen 3:15**) Why does humanity need a Son to redeem them? (**Rom 5:12-21**)
- 5. What was the lineage of this Son that was promised? (Matt 1:1-17) What would be distinct about this Son? (Isa 7:14) How was Jesus' birth different from all others?
- 6. What did Gabriel say would be the name of this child? (**Luke 1:31b-33**) What is the significance of the name Jesus? (**Matt 1:21**) What is the greatest need of human beings?
- 7. What would be miraculous about Jesus' birth? (**Luke 1:34-38**) What does it mean that God would overshadow Mary? (**v. 35**) How did God overshadow the temple? (**Ex 40:35**)
- 8. Why is it critical that Jesus was virgin-born? (**Isa 7:14**) What does it tell you about Him? (**Luke 1:35**) Why does the world need God to work supernaturally? (**John 3:1-7**)

Prayer

- 1. Ask God to open your eyes to the truth of His word so that you will see His light.
- 2. Pray that God might work a miracle of rebirth in your life or the life of someone you know.