

# HEAVEN CAME DOWN

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## *A Sign To You*

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- God moves toward us in the incarnation.
- Heaven came down.
- The incarnation was the beginning.
- Every generation looks for signs.
- Signs that God is present, speaking, trustworthy.
- King Ahaz lived approx. 700 years before the incarnation of Jesus.
- He was a descendant of David.
- He had multiple nations threatening him, the kingdom felt unstable, he was afraid.

**Isaiah 7:10-12** 10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: 11 “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” 12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.”

- He rejects God with fake humility.

**Isaiah 7:13-14** 13 And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- Since you won't trust God, God will give a sign anyway.
- God gives grace even when we don't want it.
- Approx. 700 years later Luke 2 happens

**Luke 2:10-11** 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

- What Isaiah promised to a fearful king, God fulfilled for fearful shepherds.

We needed a savior.

God has come to save you.

Not just good news for the house of David but all people.

“This will be a sign to you” – God gives us signs of his faithfulness.

**Luke 1:38** And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

- Jesus is a better King than Ahaz.
- Ahaz’s fear caused him to trust himself.
- Mary’s fear lead her to trust God.