

# The Word Became Flesh (Advent Series)

## IV. God Saves

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1. This final segment in the Advent study speaks of salvation, of God providing a savior for mankind. How did Pastor Steve define salvation and where does the Luke 1:51-53 passage fit in?
2. Read Luke 7:48-50 and describe what this salvation looks like.
3. Micah 5 is full of prophecies that point toward a Messiah. Read just Micah 5:2 and see how many significant prophecies you can pick out.
4. Micah 5:3 then predicts the form in which this Messiah will come. What does it say?
5. Micah 5:4-5 then describes some imagery that probably relates more to the second coming of the Messiah than the first, but clearly states the purpose of the Messiah coming, which is . . . ?
6. We come now to the most popular Bible passage of all at Christmas time – Luke 2. Read the first five verses and reflect on the setting. Who thinks they are in charge in this passage be aren't; who is really in control?
7. How does Luke 2:6-7 describe the birth of the new king?

8. Luke 2:8-14 describes the visit of the angel to the shepherds. Why is this whole scene unreasonable and why is that exactly the reason God did it this way?

9. In Luke 2:11, we see three names for this new baby. What are they and why does he need three names?

10. What is it about Luke 2:15-17 that is again unexpected?

11. Luke 2:18-20 describes the end to this scene. How would you describe those directly affected by this event?

12. Over the past four sermons we have considered for roles that God assumed when He decided to send Jesus to earth. What were they and why were the each important to the reorientation of mankind that He was trying to engineer?

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13. As we close this Advent study, having looked at the impact of the events on the shepherds, Mary & Joseph, and all those who were in Bethlehem at the time, what is the impact of these events on us 2000 years later?