

Vs. 13-14 – Jesus Came to Bring Peace

1. When you hear the word “peace,” what do you usually think of—absence of conflict, calm emotions, something else?
2. How does the biblical idea of *shalom* (“nothing missing, nothing broken”) deepen our understanding of the peace Jesus brings?
3. Why do you think peace with God must come before peace in other areas of life?
4. How does knowing Jesus as the *Prince of Peace* affect the way we deal with anxiety or fear?
5. What might be holding someone back from receiving the peace Jesus offers? How can we encourage one another to live out the peace we have received from Christ?

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Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups

Sunday, December 21, 2025

First

Read Luke 2:1-14

At Christmas time we give and receive gifts which are meant to remind us of the greatest gift ever given – Jesus. The gift of a Savior surpasses any gift we could ever receive. Because God so loved us that He sent His Son to save us, everything is changed!

Opening: What's one Christmas gift you remember most clearly—either because it was amazing or because it completely missed the mark?

Vs. 9-11 – Jesus Came to Save Us

1. The angel calls Jesus a *Savior*. What does that word imply about our condition apart from Him?
2. Why is it important that Jesus came **to save**, not to condemn? How does that shape how we view God?
3. The angel tells Joseph that Jesus would “save his people from their sins.” Why is sin the *real* problem Jesus came to address, even more than broken circumstances or difficult lives?
4. Salvation was compared to a lifeguard rescuing someone from a rip current to illustrate that we can't save ourselves. Where do you think people are most tempted to believe they *can* fix themselves spiritually?
5. In what ways have you tried to “save yourself” only to fail and realize you need a savior?

Vs. 12 – Jesus Came in an Unexpected Way

1. Why do you think God chose such a humble, quiet, and unexpected way for Jesus to enter the world?
2. How does Jesus' humble birth challenge our ideas of power, success, and importance?
3. What is it about Jesus' unique conception that makes Him the only One qualified to be our Savior? Why is it essential that Jesus is both **fully God and fully human**?
4. How does the unexpected way Jesus came prepare us for the unexpected way He lived and died?
5. In what ways does Jesus still defy people's expectations today including our own?

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