

Sermon Title: Jesus: Peace in Pain Scripture: Luke 2:10-14 Pastor Stephen Schultze Sunday, December 19, 2021

We often settle for finite saviors which provide only fleeting moments of peace and joy when our desperate situation calls for divine deliverance.

What do we learn from the angelic news?

Jesus is a historically distinctive Savior. (v. 11a) Scriptures: Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:4

Jesus is a supremely qualified Savior. (v. 11b) Scripture: Matthew 1:21; Acts 10:36; 2:36

Jesus is preeminent in mission (Savior), identity (Christ) and authority (Lord).

Jesus is the divinely identified Savior. (v. 12) Scripture: Philippians 2:8; John 3:16-17

Jesus is a gloriously celebrated Savior. (v. 13-14) Scripture: John 14:27;

Jesus alone is the Savior you need to rescue you from sin, pain, and hopelessness.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- Apart from Jesus, where else do we most look for peace and joy? In what ways might these finite saviors leave us even more hopeless and desperate?
- How does the angel's announcement historically distinguish Jesus?
- What is the meaning and significance of "Savior, Christ the Lord"?
- How were the swaddling clothes and the manger signs for the shepherds?
- What peace is referenced by the angels? How might many throughout history misunderstand this peace?