

Why a Savior? Luke 2:8-14

Most of us enjoy watching movies; my preference is action where there is a hero who saves the day. The main character of the movie is called “**protagonist**” (the main star, the hero); then there is the antagonist (the rival, adversary) It doesn’t matter the type of movie, or cartoon you watch. You will always find a protagonist and the antagonist. In most cases the protagonist or hero becomes a Savior. For instance. (Neo and the Matrix, the Avengers, Superman, Batman, X-Men, etc)

A savior: someone who saves someone or something from danger or destruction. One that brings salvation. We see this in movies and cartoons, where a hero saves people or things from harm or destruction. We also read about this on the news, watch it on tv. (American hero who stopped train attack in France stabbed in California, soldiers, fire fighters)

In order for someone to become a savior, there has to be a danger, a conflict, something bad from which the savior can get you out.

Some situations are beyond your control, you are drowning and someone pulls you out. Your car is catching on fire and you cannot free yourself, then someone comes along and get you out right before the car exploded. You will always be indebted to that person who saved you or rescue you.

During this time, every year, we celebrate Christmas and even though it has been so commercialized, some of us try our best to make it about the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. God announced through the prophets that he would be sending the Messiah who will become the savior of the world. God announced this news to shepherds while they were tending their sheep.

Luke 2:8-14

(v.11) Today in the town of David (Bethlehem) a Savior has been born to you; he is Messiah the Lord.

Right here the angel announced who the savior would be. Christ the Lord.

Another messenger announced to Joseph, Mary’s future husband. **Matt.1:21** “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.”

The baby in a manger, whom the shepherds went to see would become the Savior of the world. **(News of great joy for all people v.10)** As a baby Jesus could not save anyone, in order for him to save the world, he must die like the hero who sacrifices himself so that others can live.

Why a Savior? There are people who don’t acknowledge Jesus as the Savior and they don’t think they need a savior. We said that in order for someone to be a savior, there has to be a danger or conflict from which we need saving. **Sin is that conflict, the danger.** *We cannot free ourselves from sin, it’s in us, in our DNA; It doesn’t take much for it to be exhibited in us and through us. (a conversation, someone looks at you the wrong way, someone cuts you off in traffic, etc. lust, greed). You cannot free yourself from sin even if you tried.* You and I are imprisoned by it. It’s in our system, in our minds. This conflict has been around for millennia. We are born into this sinful world and feel the effect of it daily in our lives. We become victims

of sinful acts. *It has been affecting our world ever since we decided to be independent of God.*
Because of sin, Scriptures tells us that we fall short of the glory of God **Rom.3:23**

Sin really makes us antagonist in this story. This is the role we really know how to play, to go against God's command, his authority. We want his blessings but don't want to play by his rule, by his book. We have run away from God, lost in the world and don't even know.

Sin makes us enemies of God and deserving of his wrath. Rom.5:10
Col.1:21-22

This is why you and I need a Savior like Jesus, it's only through this sacrifice, through his death that you can be declared righteous before God, free from accusations. This is great news.

Why a savior? Because you and I have been playing the antagonist role for a while, and if you keep on playing it, you will lose at the end, ***the Savior came to change our role, so that at the end we end up winning.*** That is why you and I need a Savior like Jesus who sacrificed himself to change our status with God, to change the part we play in the redemption story.

God love you and I so much that he decided to give us a chance by sending someone to clean up our sinful mess. You and I can also become protagonist in the story of redemption, all you have to do is make Jesus your Savior. **He came for all people, but not everyone one wants him.** He can only save those who believe in him. Those who acknowledge that without him there is not salvation. **Do you believe that Jesus is the Savior, the Christ? *Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12)***

Without Jesus there is only judgment and condemnation.

Stop being the antagonist in this story, God wants to make you the protagonist, but you must choose Jesus in order for you to win at the end. Thank God for Saving us!