

# God With Us

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## PART I: THE GIFTS OF THE MESSIAH

**Luke 2:8–11; 13–14 (NIV).** *“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”*

**Remember:** Jesus is God’s generous gift to humanity, and no material gift can compare to the gift of Jesus.

### **THE GIFTS OF THE MESSIAH:**

#### **1. THE GIFT OF [FORGIVENESS] AND [NO CONDEMNATION]**

We find nailed to the cross the record of sins that stood against us.

**Colossians 2:14 (NLT).** *“He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.”*

**Remember:** Jesus canceled the record of charges against us so that we can approach God’s throne of grace with confidence

#### **2. THE GIFT OF THE [OPPORTUNITY] YOU DESPERATELY NEED AND CAN'T FIND IN ANYONE ELSE**

**Luke 23:39–43 (NLT).** *“One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

**Remember:** At the foot of the cross, you find the opportunity your heart desperately needs. Run to Him.

### 3. THE GIFT OF THE [COMFORT] THAT ONLY JESUS CAN GIVE.

**John 19:25–27 (NLT).** *“Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.”*

**Remember:** At the feet of the cross you can experience His love and care like nowhere else.

### 4. THE GIFT OF THE [TRUTH] ABOUT THE CONDITION OF OUR HEART.

**Matthew 27:54 (KJV 1960).** *“Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.”*

**Remember:** At the feet of the cross you can see the true condition of your heart, repent, and be set free.

### 5. THE GIFT OF [FORGIVING] OTHERS BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN.

**Luke 23:34 (KJV 1960).** *“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.”*

**Remember:** Relationships do not prosper because the guilty are punished, but because the innocent show mercy.

### 6. THE GIFT OF [VICTORY]

**Colossians 2:15 (KJV 1960).** *“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”*

**Remember:** At the feet of the cross lays your victory.