

# USING *Salvation Has Come* WITH YOUR CHURCH DURING CHRISTMAS

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Here is a three-step plan to use *Salvation Has Come* and the Gospel of Luke to help prepare your congregation's hearts for Christmas.

## THREE STEPS:

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1. Lead your people to read the chapter of Luke and the *Salvation Has Come* devotional that corresponds to the December date (Luke chapter 1 on December 1st, Luke Chapter 2 on December 2nd, and so on). This can be done as a family or as individuals.
2. Begin casting a vision of reading Luke to prepare for Christmas and offer *Salvation Has Come* for purchase either online or on site when Christmas your decor goes up or by November 12th (Thanksgiving weekend is the last weekend of November).
3. Entitle your Christmas preaching series "Salvation Has Come" to connect Monday through Saturday devotionals with Sunday messages. Preach whatever you feel led to or connect with the Luke reading and the *Salvation Has Come* devotionals. For example, for the 2023 Sundays of December 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th:

Date: **December 3rd**  
Scripture: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:20  
Title: Connected and Approved  
Thesis: God was pleased with Jesus, and in Christ, God is pleased with us.

Date: **December 10th**  
Scripture: "But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, and she came up and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to give me a hand.'" Luke 10:40  
Title: Are you a Christmas Worshipper or Whirlwind?  
Thesis: There are so many tasks and distractions during the Christmas season. Be a worshipful and focused Mary and not the hurried and distracted Martha.

Date: **December 17th**  
Scripture: "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'" Luke 17:5  
Title: The Best Gift: More Faith, Not More Stuff  
Thesis: Better than any card, clothing, or package, the greatest gift we can receive is an increase of our faith. Let's walk to the manger with greater faith. Look at all God has done in 2023 in our church and in our lives. Also look at the prophecies God has fulfilled in Jesus being born. Let your faith increase this Christmas season.

Date: **December 24th**  
Scripture: "Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. When he stooped to look in, he saw only linen cloths. So, he went away amazed at what had happened." Luke 24:12  
Title: A Starry Christmas Night Needs an Easter Sunrise  
Thesis: It may seem strange to mention Easter on Christmas Eve. But they are tied together. Be amazed at His birth and His resurrection. (Good salvation and Biblical understanding message for Christmas Eve guests.)

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Date: **December 24th**  
Scripture: "Then she gave birth to her first-born son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." Luke 2:7  
Title: No Room in the Inn  
Thesis: We know the story of the innkeeper well, but let's ponder the inn of our heart. Is there room for Jesus in our hearts, or have we sent Him to the manger in the back? Even good things at Christmas can fill the inn of our hearts. Psalms 10:4 convicts us "...in all his thoughts there is no room for God." Give Jesus priority in the house of your heart this Christmas!

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