A NIGHT OF PRAISE!

Luke 2:8-20

CHRISTMAS IN SINGAPORE



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

No <u>CHRIST</u>-MAS without Christ! Trim And Fit Club

Jesus = Savior Christ = Promised Chosen One

LUKE 2:10-11

And the angel said unto them,

"Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David <u>a Saviour</u>, which is <u>Christ the Lord</u>.

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- Good tidings (news) = gospel of great joy
- Widest possible audience = all people

LUKE 2:10-11

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I CHOOSE TO BELIEVE

The Bible is a reliable collection of historical documents, written by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies, and they claim to be divine rather than human in origin.

STATISTICS OF PROBABILITY

Mathematicians put it this way:

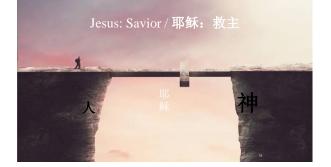
- 1 person fulfilling 8 prophecies: 1 in 100,000,000,000,000
- 1 person fulfilling 48 prophecies: 1 chance in 10 to the 157th power (10 unquinquagintillion)
- 1 person fulfilling 300+ prophecies: Only Jesus!

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MATTHEW 1:21 "...thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."





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LUKE 2:11

...a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

The Lord = Yahweh, God Himself

<u>CHRIST</u>-MAS is celebrating Jesus Christ the Lord!

• The promised Savior has come – God with us!

LUKE 2:13-14

... suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace**, **good will** toward men (ESV: peace among those with whom He is pleased)."

CHRISTMAS BELLS - STRAITS TIMES 24/12/2017

"I was reminded of the poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, titled Christmas Bells. He wrote it in 1863, in the middle of the American Civil War, striking a note of optimism even amid those troubled times. I reproduce it here, in the hope of offering some yuletide perspective, and perhaps even a little cheer.

- I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
- And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"
- Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men."

LUKE 2:15-16

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

What is belief?

BELIEF – ROMANS 10:13

And whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

LUKE 2:17-20

And when they had seen it, <u>they made known abroad the</u> saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.....

LUKE 2:17-20

And the shepherds returned, <u>glorifying and praising God</u> for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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