Day 23 Savior

*‘Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord’. Luke 2:11.*

It’s hard to imagine the shock, surprise, wonder, excitement a bunch of shepherds felt when they heard this news on Christmas night. Can you picture them, half asleep with an eye on the sheep? It’s very dark except perhaps for a small campfire. It’s very quiet except perhaps for the bleating of a few sheep.

Suddenly the sky lights up. An angel booms out: ‘Today in the town of David a Savior has been born!’

This is huge, big, gigantic, enormous, stupendous news from God. A Savior has arrived. He’s just been born.

We have people who are saviors today. Fire fighters who save people from burning buildings or cats from trees. Lifeguards who save people from a big surf or a swirling river. They save people (or cats!) from danger and bring them to a place of safety.

What kind of Savior is Jesus? What does he save us from? What place of safety does he bring us to?

Let’s start with that last question. When Jesus saves us, he brings us to the safest place in the world. He brings us to being friends with God.

What does he save us from? He saves us from what stops us being God’s friend.

What stops us is what the Bible calls ‘sin’. Sin is when we put ourselves at the center of our lives and keep God far away. We decide how we’d like to live rather than living how God wants us to live. We often don’t give God much thought at all.

How do we get from this dangerous place of sin to that safe place of being God’s friend?

We need to be saved. Jesus, the Savior, is the only one who can do this for us. When Jesus died on the cross in our place he dealt with our sin. When we believe he did that for us, we become God’s friend.

This is the biggest salvation, the biggest rescue operation, that has ever happened. At the center of it all is Jesus, the Savior.

No wonder the angel boomed out the message: **‘Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born!’**