



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 19 December 2021

Advent 4 – Saviour

Take some time to reflect on what God is impressing on you from your readings in Matthew's Gospel during our 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting.

Please read Luke 2.9-12

1. If you started reading the story of the Bible at the Nativity, and hadn't read the Old Testament part of the bible story (or seen the first movie in the series!) what might most people assume that the title 'Saviour' could mean?
2. How does this one passage from the Old Testament - **please read Isaiah 62.10-11** – help fill out our understanding a little?

Please read Matthew 1.20-21

3. Again, if you started reading the story of the Bible at the Nativity, and hadn't read the Old Testament part of the bible story, what might most people assume, "he will save his people from their sins", means?
4. How might you explain 'sin' and its' consequences - to someone who wonders why we even need a 'Saviour'? How are the consequences of sin seen in our lives and in our society?

Please read Isaiah 49.8-10 and Luke 4.16-21

5. Why is an understanding of the human problem of sin helpful in understanding the true liberty and light and new beginning that Jesus comes to bring?

Please read 2 Corinth 6.1-2

6. What is Paul's challenge to believers in Corinth (and in Hill Cliffe) in connection with our handling of Jesus' salvation?