

“You are to give him the name Jesus because...”

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

The name Jesus

= “*God is salvation*”

John the Baptist

- Came before Jesus
 - Called on people to confess sin
 - Called on people to repent (i.e. turn away from sin, and come back to God)
 - Prepared people’s hearts for Jesus’ arrival
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1. Before celebrating Christmas, let’s think about why we celebrate the birth of Christ and why He was born into this world.
 2. Let’s solemnly examine our hearts to see if we are ready to enter the Christmas season.

God sent Jesus to this world to save us from our sins.