

Christ the Savior From Hopelessness
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Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-33, & John 1:14
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Isaiah 7:14
“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

Luke 1:26-33
In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne

of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

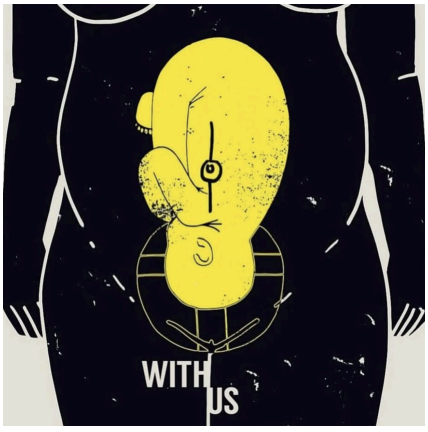
John 1:14
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Finding Our Way Back to Hope Through Our Memory

We find our way back to hope by remembering God's past faithfulness.

Luke 1:46-49, 54-55
And Mary said:
"My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors."

Finding Our Way Back to Hope Through Our Body



Mary's body was not a liability in the story of salvation—it was the means of it.

John 1:14
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We find our way back to hope by receiving Christ in our bodies.

Finding Our Way Back to Hope Through Language

Naming reality is the beginning of hope.

"Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things—the weather, human relationship, the economy, the political situation, and so on—will get better. Hope is trust that God will fulfill God's promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom. The optimist speaks about concrete changes in the future. The person of hope lives in the moment with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in good hands."

- Henri Nouwen

Revelation 21:5
And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

We find our way back to hope by speaking words of honesty and possibility.