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In 1865, William Chatterton Dix wrote the words to a Christmas carol. He had been struck with a sudden near fatal illness and been confined to several months of bed rest, during which time he went into a deep depression.

The title poses the truth that, when Jesus Christ came to earth, He was no ordinary person. The song writer describes Him as "the King of kings" who "salvation brings" "for sinners here." He is described as "the Word made Flesh", meaning that God humbled Himself, set aside His right to act as God, and became human like us – "Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?" (See Philippians 2:5-11)

Dix revealed why Jesus came (His mission) when he wrote: "nails, spears, shall pierce Him through". Why would



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personally confess Jesus to be our new Lord and King. We do so, by praying this World's Most Important Prayer, aloud, and from our hearts. Why not do it now.

Dear Jesus, Come into my heart. Forgive all my sins. Wash me in Your blood. Write my name in Your Book of Life. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can serve and obey You. I Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer as You promised You would. In Jesus' name, Amen.

God's many Bible promises are your assurance that you are His child, He loves you, and you will spend eternity with Him.

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the Creator of the universe allow Himself to go through such trauma. The words of this carol answer, "the cross be borne for me, for you". Mankind's disobedience to God's commandments, so he could do his own thing, resulted in men being separated from fellowship with God, losing eternal life and having to die. Also, God said a curse of sickness and disease came upon the earth as the first man and woman, Adam & Eve, allowed God's arch enemy, the devil, to become "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4 in the Bible).

One Bible writer, the Apostle Paul calls Jesus Christ *the last Adam* or *the heavenly Man* (1 Corinthians 15:45,49). There needed to be a rematch between man and Satan, and the God/Man Jesus Christ, also called *Emmanuel* (meaning God with us), was the perfect one to do this. God the Holy Spirit made Jesus' mother Mary pregnant while she was

still a virgin (hadn't had sex with any man). Since Jesus got His blood type from His heavenly Father, He wasn't corrupted by Adam's defiled blood line. Although tempted like you and me, Jesus never once disobeyed God's Ten Commandments (Hebrews 4:14-16). Thus, if ever there was a man that could make it to heaven by his own goodness, Jesus was the only one who ever qualified.

God devised a plan to send Jesus to die in our place and take the rap for our disobedience (Isaiah 53:8-11). In addition, our Creator decided that He would give us Jesus' goodness, so that we can be reunited in fellowship with God, just as if we had never sinned.

This occurs when we ask Jesus Christ to come into our lives as our Lord and Savior. He changes us from the inside out and we see/experience for ourselves, that, as the songwriter sought

to portray Him, Jesus Christ is truly the Savior of the world. Here is what God says about it in the Bible.
(2 Corinthians 5:16b-21):
At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know Him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.
So we are Christ's ambassadors: God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for

What the loving Jesus has done and will do for us does not automatically become ours. The songwriter also wrote: "Come, O King, to own the throne of heaven, and come, O King, to get out of the devil's kingdom and into Jesus' kingdom, we must do as Jesus says." (Matthew 23:13)

This is why the songwriter writes: "The King of kings salvation brings"

When Jesus came back to life, He went to hell, Satan's headquarters, and took back the control of the earth that Adam, the first man, forfeited. Jesus is called *the last Adam* because the rule of this earth will never fall out of His hands. Jesus' mission also freed us from the curse of the broken law – poverty, sickness, and premature death (Galatians 3:13).

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our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Jesus blood sacrifice (His life for our lives) was once and for all.
Hebrews 10:10 For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.
Jesus also conquered death when God brought Him back to life and gave Him an immortal body. This body is a prototype of the one He promises to give each of His followers when He returns to renew the earth and set up His divine Kingdom.