



## REASONS THAT THE ROAD TO CHRIST IS THE ROAD TO HOPE

### 1. BECAUSE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.

...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. **Matthew 1:21** (NIV)

Something happened today in the town of David. Someone special was born. He is the one who will save you. He is the Messiah. He is the Lord.

**Luke 2:10, 11** (EEB)

- **Most seek a \_\_\_\_\_; wise men seek a savior and \_\_\_\_\_.**

Seek first [Be concerned above all else with] God's kingdom and what God wants [<sup>L</sup>his righteousness]. Then all your other needs will be met as well [<sup>L</sup>these things will be given to you]. **Matthew 6:33** (EXB)

### 2. BECAUSE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Those he chose to include \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Those he chose to \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Those he chose to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit... **Matthew 28:19** (GNB)

### 3. BECAUSE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.

For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup> The plain fact is that bull and goat blood can't get rid of sin. That is what is meant by this prophecy, put in the mouth of Christ:

You don't want sacrifices and offerings year after year; you've prepared a body for me for a sacrifice. It's not fragrance and smoke from the altar that whet your appetite. So I said, "I'm here to do it your way, O God, the way it's described in your Book."

When he said, "You don't want sacrifices and offerings," he was referring to practices according to the old plan. When he added, "I'm here to do it your way," he set aside the first in order to enact the new plan—God's way—by which we are made fit for God by the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus. **Hebrews 10:4-9** (NLT)

Look! This man is more than He seems! He is the Lamb sent from God, the sacrifice to erase the sins of the world! **John 1:29** (VOICE)

...the Son of Man did not come to be served... he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting people free." **Mark 10:45** (NIRV)

### 4. BECAUSE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us! **Romans 5:6, 7** (NIV)

I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used <sup>20</sup> when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven. **Ephesians 1:19** (CEV)

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." <sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." **Acts 2:36-40** (NIV)

For in baptism your old, evil nature died with him and was buried with him; and then you came up out of death with him into a new life because you trusted the Word of the mighty God who raised Christ from the dead.

**Colossians 2:12** (TLB)