

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their **FAILURES**."

For everyone has **FAILED**; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our **FAILURES**. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for our **FAILURES**.

~ Romans 3:23-25

Healthy people don't need a doctor — sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are **FAILURES**.

~ Mark 2:7

And you know that Jesus came to take away our **FAILURES**, and there is no **FAILURE** in him.

~ 1 John 3:5

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save **FAILURES**."

~ 1 Timothy 1:15

When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their **FAILURES**.

~ Isaiah 53:11-12

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Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

~ Hebrews 2:18

- I. To **connect** with our **struggle**.
- II. To **correct** our **problem**.

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

~ Romans 7:18-19

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But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

~ 1 John 1:7

He has removed our **FAILURES** as far from us as the east is from the west.

~ Psalm 103:12

Though your **FAILURES** are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.

~ Isaiah 1:18

I – yes, I alone – will blot out your FAILURES for my own sake and will never think of them again.

~ Isaiah 43:25

I have swept away your **FAILURES** like a cloud. I have scattered your **FAILURES** like the morning mist. Oh, return to me, for I have paid the price to set you free.

~ Isaiah 44:22

Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our **FAILURES** under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!

~ Micah 7:19

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