

The True Savior

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“Fear not!” declared the angel,
 “for today your Savior’s born!”
“Thank God!” declared the weary soul.
 “My life is so forlorn!
I’ve such need of your saving help.
 My heart holds numerous woes.
I suffer greatly every day
 from bills, poor health, from foes.
Now that you’re here, please change my life,
 relieve my weary lot.
Save me from my misery, Lord,
 And end this sorry plight!”

“Okay,” said Jesus, “but I fear
 you may not understand.
The things you ask of me for you
 are not what I have planned!”
“Of course they are!” the man replied,
 “from good could you refrain?
You’re gentle, loving, caring, kind,
 I know you’ll end my pain.”

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“So end my poverty!”
 -“But I was born in poverty!”
“Heal my illnesses”
 -“But I endured great pain!”
“Make me popular!”
 -“But my friends abandoned me!”
“Give me justice!”
 -“But I was falsely accused!”
“Let people speak well of me!”
 -“But they called me evil!”
“Give me a good life!”
 -“But I died a violent death!”
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“You see,” said Jesus, “I am not
 the Savior you desire.
The good I wish to do for you
 is not what you require.
You want me to be Santa Claus
 and gift you when you’re good.
I’m not a genie in a lamp;
 you have not understood!
I came to save you from your sins.
 For this is why I died:
to bring you back the sanctity
 your sins of you deprived.

“So, yes, perhaps I’ll grant your prayer
 for health when you are ill.
But far more, your salvation
 is what drives my holy will!
My Body makes you one with me
 on cross, in grave, alive.
And by my death your sins are killed;
 for holiness, then, strive!
I’ve come to save your soul from sin.
 When holiness you crave,
then you will always understand
 just what I came to save!”

