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Though “sin” is a loathsome word, the baby Jesus came to die for sinners. We hate to think of ourselves as sinners. Others are sinners. Child molesters are sinners. Murderers are sinners. We are respectable citizens, different from those evil dregs of society. Some of us may even claim to worship the baby of Bethlehem. Listen to what the angel of the Lord said to the shepherds in the field when He announced the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. “And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11). Christ the Lord was born, as a baby, to be “a

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