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Mary, did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb? This sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM

During His life of 33 years on earth, Jesus humbled Himself to be our ultimate <u>Servant</u> and lasting <u>Sacrifice</u>.

Even though He did many miracles, taught thousands, and restored countless broken lives, the religious and political leaders of Jesus' day rejected Him and conspired for His <u>execution</u>.

He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Philippians 2:7-8

How does the death of Jesus prove that God can work all things for good?

Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John the Baptist | John 1:29

He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. **Isaiah 53:5**

The benefit you receive, through faith, is Christ is your <u>Substitute</u>. He took your place under man's rejection *and* God's judgment.

Jesus' sacrifice pays the penalty for your guilt, freeing you from the <u>stranglehold</u> of sin and the <u>devastation</u> of the devil.

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24