

Sermon Notes 12.18.2022 – The Promises of Christmas

The Christmas Story

Matthew - Focuses on Jesus' Identity and the Angelic Ministry Surrounding His Birth

Mark - Jumps Right Over it and Begins with The Ministry of John and the Baptism of Jesus

Luke - Tells the Most Complete History from Both Heaven and Earth with a Prophetic View
& Intimate Details

John - Tells the Story from a Heavenly Perspective

The Promises of Who Jesus Is

You Shall Call His Name Jesus / Immanuel

Matthew 1:21 & 23 "...you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins... 23 **THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,**" which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

Jesus – The Son of the Most High – His Kingdom Will Have No End

Luke 1:32-33 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and **His kingdom will have no end.**"

Jesus - Jesus the Sunrise from On High Will Visit Us [Zachariah's Prophecy Concerning John and Jesus]

Luke 1:76-79 "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS; 77 To give to His people *the* knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins, 78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which **the Sunrise from on high will visit us,** 79 **TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, To guide our feet into the way of peace.**"

- Do we realize how dark life in this broken world would be if we didn't have Jesus?

Jesus – Light and Life to All He Brings

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

Jesus – A savior Who Is Christ the Lord & He is Our Peace

Luke 2:10-14 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David **there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.** 12 "This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And **on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.**"

Jesus – The Only Begotten Son of the Father

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and **we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

The Promises of What Jesus Would Do

Jesus – Will Save His People from Their Sins

Matthew 1:20-21 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** "She will bear a Son; and **you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.**"

Jesus – Knowledge of Salvation by the Forgiveness of Our Sins

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Jesus – A Light of Revelation to the Gentile Nations

Luke 2:30-32 For my eyes have seen Your salvation, **31** Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** **A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,** And the glory of Your people Israel."

Jesus – Gave the Right to Become the Children of God

John 1:12 But **as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God,** *even* to those who believe in His name,

Jesus – The Only Begotten Son Came to Save Us and Give Eternal Life

John 3:16-19 "For God so loved the world, that **He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.** **17** "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that **the world might be saved through Him.** **18** "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** **"This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.**