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.