

2. God is able to keep all of His promises.

Titus 1:2- "In the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,"

Promised...

Zechariah 9:9- A righteous and humble king

Isaiah 7:14- A virgin birth and called Immanuel

Isaiah 9:7- To be worthy of the throne of David

Micah 5:2- To be born in Bethlehem

Hosea 11:1- To live in Egypt

Malachi 3:1- To enter the temple in Jerusalem

3. God's promises are an anchor to our soul.

Hebrews 6:17-19- "In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,"

So What... The hope for Christmas is only for those who believe

Luke 2:12-14

Hebrews 11:6

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

"The Truth About the Gift of Christmas!"

What does Christmas give us?

It gives us hope!

What isn't it?

It is not just a feeling

It is not just positive thinking

It is not just a good thing

What is it?

It is a conviction of what will happen- a confident expectation of a better future.

How can we have hope because of Christmas?

It is because ...

1. God kept His promise at Christmas.

Isaiah 40:1-5- "'Comfort, O comfort My people,' says your God. 'Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.' A voice is calling, 'Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken''.

Mark 1:1-3

John 1:23

3. How about the people hearing Jesus teaching?

4. How did Jesus respond to questions?

Tuesday, April 11- Read Luke 20:9-40

1. What is the point of the vineyard owner parable?

2. Why did they question Jesus about taxes?

3. What did Jesus teach about heaven?

4. What do you want to remember about how Jesus taught truth?

Wednesday, April 12- Read Luke 20:41-47 & 22:1-6

1. How did Jesus emphasize that he is Lord?

2. What did Jesus warn about false religious leaders?

3. What was Judas planning to do with Jesus?

4. What is important to remember today?

Thursday, April 13- Read Luke 22:7-46

1. How did Jesus explain communion or the Lord's Supper?

2. What did the disciples get caught up discussing?

3. Who was Peter going to be battling with to remain faithful?

4. What do we learn about prayer from Luke 22:39-46?

Friday, April 14- Read Luke 22:47-23:48

1. How did Judas betray Jesus?

2. What was Peter's response after he denied Jesus three times?

How do you respond when you fail our Lord?

3. What do we learn from the trials of Jesus?