

Jesus is Hope

A Christmas Sermon Series

Sunday Morning, December 25, 2022 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Jesus is Hope for all People

Message Text: Luke 2:16-20

Introduction:

Proverbs 25:25 *As cold waters to a thirsty soul, So is good news from a far country.*

Luke 2:10 *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you **good tidings** of **great joy**, which shall be to all people.*

1 Timothy 1:1 *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope:*

What is the best news you have ever received? On the night that Jesus was born, an unnumbered heavenly host brought the good news of His birth to lowly shepherds. All that the prophets had foretold hundreds of years previous had finally come to pass. The Redeemer, the perfect Lamb had been born. What great hope for all people! Today, we will see the response of those who were present that night and allow their example to stir our hearts.

1. The Public _____ (17-18)

LOCATION: *Migdal Edar in Bethlehem*

Luke 2:17-18 *And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.*

THE SAYING — *That this was Christ the Lord! The Messiah (10-14)*

Romans 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

DEFINITION—WONDER: to marvel

NOTE: The shepherds' witness brought a sense of *wonder* to those in Bethlehem that night.

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2. Mary _____ (19)

Luke 2:19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

ALL THESE THINGS — *the angels, the birth, the shepherds showing up, the excitement of people hearing the news...*

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel.

DEFINITION—KEPT: to store up mentally

DEFINITION—PONDERED: to reflect deeply on a subject

NOTE: Pondering requires deliberate effort in noisy times.

Psalms 63:6 When I remember thee upon my bed, And meditate on thee in the night watches.

3. The Shepherds _____ (20)

Luke 2:20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

DEFINITION—GLORIFYING: to acknowledge, recognize, or esteem one's character, nature, or attributes

DEFINITION—PRAISING: to extol the greatness of a deity or the deity's works as an act of worship.

AS IT WAS TOLD UNTO THEM — when we see God's Word come true, worship Him!

NOTE: Seeing Jesus made returning to their obligations a worship *service*.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Conclusion

