

Advent 2025

Hope

Various Scripture Passages

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Biblical Hope: The confident, joyful assurance that God will keep every promise He has made.

Zechariah's Song- Luke 1:68-79

4 REASONS THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS BRINGS HOPE:

Reason 1- In Jesus we have a strong savior

Lk. 1:68-69, 76-78; Mt. 1:21

Reason 2- Through Jesus God keeps his promises

Lk. 1:69-70, 72-73; Gen. 22:17-18; 2 Sam. 7:12, 16; Is. 9:7; Gen. 3:15; Num. 23:10-9

Reason 3- By Jesus we overcome the world

Lk. 1:71, 74-75; Jn. 16:33; Is. 43:1-3

Reason 4- Jesus reveals the way of life

Lk. 1:78-79; Mal. 4:2; Is. 9:2; Ps. 23:4, 119:105; John 1:4-5, 8:12; Col. 1:13-14

STUDY QUESTIONS

Opener: What stood out to you or got you thinking from the message and the passage?

Read Luke 1:68-69, 76-78

1. We have hope because Jesus is our strong Savior. From what or who do we need saving? How does Jesus accomplish this rescue of us?

Read Luke 1:72-73, 69-70

2. What is the covenant that God made with Abraham that Jesus fulfills? (Read Gen. 22:17-18)

3. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise made to David that from his family would arise a king who would reign forever. Why is there such wonderful hope found in the promise that Jesus will reign as king forever?
4. Read Numbers 23:19. What is a promise that you know from God's Word that you are holding onto with hope?

Read Luke 1:71, 74-75

5. What "enemies" are you looking most forward to Jesus conquering in full so that you don't ever have to live in fear of them again?
6. Read John 16:33. How does the assurance that Jesus has overcome the world give you hope?

Read Luke 1:78-79

7. Jesus lights up the way of peace and life with God for those walking in darkness. How have you experienced Jesus being a light of understanding into God's grace and goodness toward you recently?
8. What is a practical way you can direct your heart and mind to find hope from the arrival of Jesus on earth that we celebrate during this Christmas season?