

CHRISTMAS

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THE HOPE OF A SAVIOR

BIG IDEA: The long-awaited birth of Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's promise.

DATE: Wednesday, December 3 and Sunday, December 7, 2025

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:4-20

OPENING QUESTION

What was something you had to wait for? How did you feel during that season of waiting? It can be easy to lose hope in the long spells of waiting. How did the waiting affect your attitude once the wait was over?

SETTING THE STAGE

THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOR: Genesis 3:15

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

- o Knowing that God had a plan for redemption from the very beginning, what does that teach us about God? About ourselves?
- o How does this promise point to Jesus as the ultimate hope for mankind?

THE PROPHECY OF THE SAVIOR: 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."

- o What does the name "Immanuel" mean, and why is it important? Share about a time Jesus has been "Immanuel" to you.
- o How does this prophecy strengthen our confidence in God's promises? Why did God give prophecies about the Messiah throughout the Old Testament?

THE ARRIVAL OF THE SAVIOR! LUKE 2:4-20 (NIV)

NARRATOR: So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

ANGEL: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

NARRATOR: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

GROUP OF ANGELS: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

NARRATOR: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another...

SHEPHERDS: "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

NARRATOR: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

DISCUSSION

- Have you ever experienced circumstances that seemed wrong to you, but God's timing ended up being perfect? What were they?
- What is God telling us about His Son in this portion of our narrative? What kind of Savior would He be?
- What does the angels' declaration mean? Why do you think they were compelled to praise?

THE SAVIOR IS RETURNING Revelation 7:17 and 21:23

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

RESPONSE

Although we are past the arrival of our Savior, we are still waiting for His return. As we wait, we should not lose heart because just as He fulfilled His promise the first time, we can be sure He will do it again. We may be tempted to feel hopeless. Where have you felt hopeless in 2025? Perhaps a long-awaited prayer request has seemingly gone unanswered. Reflect on how God has been faithful in the past and look forward to 2026 with a newfound hope. The Savior has come and will come again!

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