

Lessons From the Manger
Living Hope in Troubled Times – Part 6
Life Church St. Louis – December 17, 2023
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Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

1. Understand Jesus as your _____

Luke 2:6-7 (ESV) And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:11 (ESV) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

2. _____ in the good news of salvation

Luke 2:10-11 (ESV) And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

3. Seek and _____ the Savior

Matthew 2:1-2 (ESV) Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:11 (ESV) And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

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Intro. How would you explain to someone the meaning of Christmas?

Why do you think that God brought Jesus into the world in such humble circumstances?

Explain the different ways the titles of Isaiah 9:6 about Jesus show that He was not just a human baby.

How does the impact of Jesus' birth on history show the magnitude of God's gift to mankind?

- 1A. How do the circumstances of Jesus' birth show that He came for everyone (Luke 2:6-7)?
- 1B. How would you describe to an unbeliever that Jesus was the Savior (Luke 2:11)?
- 1C. How would you describe to an unbeliever that Jesus is the Christ and the Lord (Luke 2:11)?

- 1D. In what ways is Jesus a gift from heaven that must be unwrapped in order to enjoy His benefits? How does someone unwrap the gift?
- 2A. List the ways that the birth of Jesus is good news (Luke 2:10-11).
- 2B. List the ways that the birth of Jesus brings great joy (Luke 2:10-11).
- 2C. Why might the angel's announcement that Jesus' birth was for all people be shocking to the Jewish shepherds (Luke 2:10-11)?
- 2D. Explain what the title of Jesus as Christ, the Lord means (Luke 2:10-11).
- 2E. How might remembering Christmas help a person facing hardship find joy?
- 3A. How does the seeking of the wise men to find Jesus give us an example to follow (Matthew 2:1-2)?
- 3B. In what ways should worship of Jesus involve giving of our treasures to Him (Matthew 2:11)?
- 3C. How can you grow in worshipping Jesus daily?