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SERMON LISTENING GUIDE

THIS CHRISTMAS HOPE

Luke 2:10–11

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A. WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

1. To Satisfy the Prophecies.

Micah 5:2, NASB95 - ² “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”

2. To Show us the Father.

John 1:1–3, NASB95 - ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

3. To Save us from Sin.

Matthew 1:21, NASB95 - ²¹ “She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

4. To Sympathize with our Struggles.

Isaiah 53:3, NASB95 - ³ He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief....

5. To Secure our Hope.

Revelation 21:4–5, NASB95 - ⁴ “and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” ⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”

B. CHRISTMAS HOPE

The angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize Him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

- Luke 2:10–12, NLT

1. We have hope because of His Presence.

Luke 2:10–11, NASB95 - ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Matthew 1:23, NASB95 - ²³ “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.”

Christmas is the proof that God is with you!

2. We have hope because of His Promises.

Isaiah 9:6, NASB95 - ⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 46:10, CSB - ¹⁰ I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: my promises will be kept, and I will do all my will.

Romans 15:13, NIV84 - ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christmas is the proof that God will keep His promises!

3. We have hope because of His Pain.

1 Peter 1:3–5, NASB95 - ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead....

2 Corinthians 5:21, NASB95 - ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Christmas is the proof that Hope has the royal name—Jesus!