

12-14-25 Scripture

Scripture References from the Sermon

Explicitly Mentioned or Directly Referenced:

1. **Genesis 1** - The creation account, darkness covering the earth, "Let there be light"
2. **Galatians 4:4** - "In the fullness of time God sent forth his son, born of a virgin, born of a woman"
3. **Revelation 21:4** - No more pain, sorrow, or tears
4. **1 Corinthians 2:9** - "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"
5. **Romans 3:23** - "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"
6. **Hebrews 5:7** - Jesus offering prayers and petitions with loud cries while in the flesh
7. **Hebrews 4:15** - Jesus tempted in every way but without sin
8. **Matthew 25:1-13** - Parable of the ten virgins
9. **Matthew 7:21-23** - "Lord, Lord" / "I never knew you"
10. **Matthew 25:40** - "Whatever you did to the least of these, you did unto me"
11. **Genesis 22** - Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, ram caught in the thicket
12. **Luke 1:26-38** - Angel's announcement to Mary
13. **Luke 2:1-7** - Journey to Bethlehem, no room at the inn
14. **Luke 2:8-20** - Shepherds watching their flocks by night

Alluded to or Thematically Referenced:

15. **John 1:1-14** - Jesus as the Light, "He came to his own, but his own did not receive him"
16. **John 3:19** - People loved darkness rather than light
17. **Romans 8:28** - "God works all things together for good for those who love him"
18. **James 4:14** - Life is a vapor
19. **Psalm 103:8** (and similar passages) - "Gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love"

20. **1 Thessalonians 5:17** - "Pray without ceasing"
21. **Ephesians 5:11** - "Put aside the deeds of darkness"
22. **Matthew 8:20** - "Son of Man has no place to lay his head"
23. **John 14:23** - God making his home in believers
24. **Matthew 27:45** - Three hours of darkness at the crucifixion
25. **Acts 17:25** - God gives life, breath, and everything else
26. **John 8:12** - Jesus as the Light of the World
27. **Isaiah 53** - Suffering servant theme

This sermon heavily emphasizes the themes of light versus darkness, Christ's incarnation and sacrifice, and the call to share the gospel light with others.