

12-21-25 Scripture

Scripture References from the Sermon

Explicitly Mentioned or Quoted:

1. **John 1** (beginning) - The Word, Jesus coming to his own who did not receive him
2. **John 3:1-21** - Nicodemus's conversation with Jesus about being born again
3. **John 3:16** - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..."
4. **Isaiah 53** - The suffering servant prophecy (extensively quoted)
- Isaiah 53:1-11 (multiple verses quoted in detail)
5. **Acts 8** - Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch
6. **Genesis 1:1** - "In the beginning" (referenced in connection with John 1)
7. **Psalms** - "Be still and know that I am Lord" (Psalm 46:10)
8. **The Lord's Prayer** - "Thy will be done...as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:9-13)

Alluded to or Thematically Referenced:

9. **Luke 2:1-20** - The Christmas story, stable, shepherds, angels
10. **Matthew 1:18-25** - Joseph and Mary's story, naming Jesus
11. **Matthew 2:1-12** - Wise men from the east bringing gifts
12. **2 Corinthians 5:20** - Christians as ambassadors
13. **John 14:26** - Holy Spirit as Comforter
14. **Exodus 20:4** - Commandment against graven images
15. **Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41** - Jesus calming the storm
16. **Matthew 14:22-33** - Jesus walking on water
17. **John 11:1-44** - Jesus raising Lazarus (one of the resurrection accounts)
18. **Luke 7:11-17** - Jesus raising the widow's son
19. **Mark 5:21-43** - Jesus raising Jairus's daughter

Suggested Verses for Main Themes:

Theme: God's Presence in Trials

- Romans 8:28
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- James 1:2-4

Theme: Transformation/New Birth

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Romans 12:2
- Ephesians 4:22-24

Theme: Sacrifice and Love

- Romans 5:8
- 1 John 4:9-10
- Philippians 2:5-11

Theme: Sharing the Gospel

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Romans 10:14-15
- 1 Peter 3:15