- # Scripture References from the Sermon
- ## Explicitly Mentioned Scripture References:
- 1. **Isaiah 9:2-7** Read as a call to worship; prophecy of the coming Messiah
- 2. **Genesis 3:15** The first gospel; promise after the fall
- 3. **Genesis 12:3** (or 18:18) Promise through Abraham's seed
- 4. **Numbers 24:17** A star shall come out of Jacob
- 5. **2 Samuel 7** God's promise to David about his kingdom
- 6. **Psalms 2 and 22** Prophecies of the anointed one
- 7. **Isaiah 7:14** Virgin will conceive Emmanuel
- 8. **Isaiah 9:6-7** Prince of Peace prophecy
- 9. **Isaiah 53** The suffering servant
- 10. **Micah 5:2** Messiah would come from Bethlehem
- 11. **Luke 1:26-38** The Annunciation (Gabriel's visit to Mary)
- 12. **Luke 2:1-20** The birth of Jesus and the shepherds
- 13. **John 3:16-18** God's love and gift of His Son (read from Amplified Bible)
- 14. **2 Corinthians 9:15** God's indescribable gift (Amplified Bible)
- ## Alluded to or Thematically Referenced:
- 15. **Matthew 1:23** Emmanuel, God with us (referenced in the sermon theme)
- 16. **John 1:5** Light that darkness could not overcome (opening remarks)
- 17. **Luke 1:37** "No word from God will ever fail" (part of Luke 1 reading)
- 18. **John 15:9-11** Remaining in God's love for complete joy (referenced when discussing joy)
- ## Suggested Verses for Main Themes:

- **For the theme of waiting/expectation: **
- Galatians 4:4-5 "When the fullness of time had come"
- **For the theme of humility:**
- Philippians 2:6-8 Christ's humility in taking human form
- **For the theme of grace:**
- Ephesians 2:8-9 Saved by grace through faith
- **For the theme of presence: **
- Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always"
- **For the theme of sharing the gospel:**
- Matthew 28:19-20 The Great Commission