



Advent #2 - "Peace Confronting the Chaos"

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Sermon Notes

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19 NKJV

Life Can RESEMBLE A BROKEN CHRISTMAS MANGER

Jesus Came TO HEAL BROKEN LIVES

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

I. Promise of Peace - Luke 2:8-14

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them..."Glory to God in the highest

heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

The Peace of Jesus’ Birth COMES TO CONFRONT CONFLICT, CONFUSION, AND CHAOS

II. Reality of Chaos

The Peace of Jesus’ Birth IS NOT FOUND IN ACQUISITION, ATTAINMENT, ARROGANCE OR ARTIFICIALITY

Greed has corrupted this culture, from the least to the greatest: all are tainted with this lust for what they don’t deserve. The prophets and priests are no better. Their lives reek with deceit. ¹⁴ To heal the brokenness of My people, they offer superficial words. They say, “Peace, peace,” as if all is well. But there is no peace. Jeremiah 6:13-14 VOICE

III. Finding Peace Today

The Peace of Jesus’ Birth EMBOLDENS US TO CHOOSE CONFIDENCE IN JESUS OVER CONTROL OF OUR LIVES

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7

^{17b} And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17b - 19

- **RECOGNIZE You’re Not God**
- **REMEMBER to Surrender Your Anxiety to God in Prayer**
- **REFLECT on the Example of Jesus to Walk through Total Chaos to Establish True Peace**