



## **Advent #4 - "I'm In Love"**

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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; <sup>19</sup> 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 God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

#### **I. Matthew 1:18-25 The Story of Christmas Love**

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

## **The Love of Jesus' Birth RECONCILES, RESTORES AND REDEEMS RELATIONSHIPS**

### **II. Reality of Sin**

## **The Love of Jesus' Birth IS CLOUDED BY REJECTION, RESENTMENT, RECKLESSNESS, AND RESIGNATION**

*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. Colossians 1:21-23a*

### **III. Finding Love Today**

## **The Love of Jesus' Birth IS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES OF OUR LIVES NO MATTER OUR SITUATION**

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39*

- **RECOGNIZE your Need for Love**
- **REMEMBER the Love of God in Jesus is Available**
- **REFLECT on the Times when you said Yes to His Yes**

*Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 1 John 4:11-12*