

# Share the wonder of Christmas

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# The promise made

## Isaiah 7:14 NKJV

"Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and, shall call His name Immanuel."

# “Immanuel” means “God with us”

- God's incredible desire to be intimately connected with humanity.
- God's proactive plan of redemption.
- God’s love was on display, long before the actual event of Christs coming.
- The virgin birth is a sign of God's supernatural intervention in human history

# The promise made

## Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

# The magnificent names given to the coming messiah

1. Wonderful - Beyond human comprehension
2. Counselor - Ultimate wisdom and guidance
3. Mighty God - Divine power and strength
4. Everlasting Father - Eternal, protective, nurturing
5. Prince of Peace - Bringing wholeness and reconciliation

Jesus is not just a political or religious leader, but a comprehensive solution to humanity's deepest needs.

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# The promise made

## Isaiah 9:7 NKJV

Of the increase of *His* government and peace  
*There will be* no end,  
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,  
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice  
From that time forward, even forever.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

# The promise made (isaiah 9:7)

- Christ's kingdom has "no end" – His reign is unlimited and unending.
- Christ's kingdom of judgment and justice, is rooted in divine zeal
- Christ's kingdom is eternal, unchanging, permanent.
- All earthly kingdoms rise and fall with
- God's promises are not just momentary or temporary but have eternal significance and will absolutely come to pass



# The promise kept

## Luke 2:6-7 - Christ Born of Mary

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

# The promise confirmed

## Luke 2:33 -35 - Simeon Prophecies

And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

# Simeon's words

- From the eternal throne to a humble manger
- “No room in the inn” - Christ comes to those who might not expect or welcome Him, but still, He comes!
- God often works in unexpected ways, humble ways.
- Christ in God, chose vulnerability and humility.
- Greatness is not about external power but about sacrificial love.

# Simeon's actions

- Simeon's faithfulness – waiting and believing in God's promise.
- The universal nature of salvation – for all peoples
- Generations of prophecy now fulfilled!
- Simeon's patience in waiting for God's Prophecies - His immediate recognition when it arrives.
- We can trust God's timing and God's plans.

# The nature of Christ's ministry

- He shall be a sign spoken against
- “He shall be the fall and rising of many”
- The “sword” shall pierce Mary’s soul – The emotional depth of her calling
- Following Christ is not always going to be easy, but it reveals the true nature of our hearts and offers ultimate redemption.

# The promise confirmed

by Anna the prophetess

## Luke 2:36-38

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

# The promise confirmed

By John & the disciples

**John 1:1-5 NKJV**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

# The promise confirmed

By Paul the apostle

## Galatians 4:4-5 NKJV

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.



# Summary & closing remarks

As we reflect on this message today, we should:

1. Marvel at God's incredible, detailed planning.
2. Trust in God's promises even when they seem impossible.
3. Embrace the wonder of God's love demonstrated through Christ's coming.

# “The wonder of promise fulfilled”

God's promises are:  
precise, purposeful, personal, powerful

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