



Glory in the Highest: Savior and Christ

Sunday, December 4 and 11, 2016

Lesson:

Last week, we began our series called "Glory in the Highest" and we looked at the title of Savior. This week, we look at Christ, the Messiah. Read over Luke 2:1-20. This week's guide will cover last week's and this week's sermons.

ICEBREAKER:

When you were younger, did you spend any time at Christmas talking about the birth of Jesus? Why or why not?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Who was the earthly ruler of the world when Jesus was born? (Luke 2:1)
2. Read 2:8-12.
 - a. Why do you think the Savior's birth announcement was first given here?
 - b. What three titles are given to Jesus in vs 11?
3. What does Savior mean? We know that Jesus is the one true Savior, but give examples of who people in the world has labeled as Savior throughout history?
4. Why do you think God chose to send the Savior of the world as a baby?
5. The lineage of Jesus includes people like Judah, Tamar, Rahab, -- people who the world considers "messy." Why does God choose these folks to be part of the earthly family of His Son, the Savior of the world?
6. What does the word "Messiah" mean?
7. Even though His family lineage was "messy," who else is part of his family that shows that he was indeed "King?" (Matthew 1:1)
8. Why didn't people in His day acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, or the King? What was a King often expected to do in that time?
9. Read Luke 2:12 - compare and contrast how an earthly King would be brought into the world vs. how God brought the true Messiah of the world into life on this earth.
10. Luke 2:12 starts off by saying "this will be a sign to you..." What did the angel mean? A sign of what?
11. To close your meeting today - I suggest you read Isaiah 53, and when complete, talk about the world's expectation of a Messiah, and God's idea of a Messiah.