

# Message Notes



## **"The Miracle of the Manger"**

Conclusion to the series: "The Arrival: Hope is Here"

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*"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.<sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.<sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.<sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger." (Luke 2:6-16)*

### **Jesus came to bring hope to the entire world.**

*"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'" (Luke 2:10)*

### **God's love is unconditional.**

*"...She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)*

## **God's love makes us holy.**

*"...Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger." (Luke 2:15-16)*

## **God's love is a gift that must be received.**

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)*

## **God's love changes us as we let him fill every area of our lives.**

*"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." (John 15:4)*

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