

SERMON NOTES

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Joy for the Birth of The KING

Micah 5:2-4

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And He shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth."

Over 2000 years ago a _____ was born, to be the Ruler of Israel.

He is the sacrificial _____ of _____

The Jewish historian Josephus, refers to the _____ lamb being called "The Lamb of God" by the Jews.

The Temple in Jerusalem had regulations to follow about sacrificial lambs.

They had to be no more than _____ year old, _____, and without _____.

Animals to be sacrificed in the Temple had to be born within _____ miles of Jerusalem.
_____ is just five miles from Jerusalem.

Luke 2:8-20 *"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news that will cause great joy** for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

When the lambs were born on those Judean hillsides these shepherds wrapped them up in _____ of _____ to protect them and placed in a protected stone feeding trough in the birthing barn until the priest could come by and inspect them.

"This shall be a sign for you. You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

These shepherds were carefully chosen to care for the lambs of God.

They knew where to go. *"Glory to the new born King. Christ is born in Bethlehem! Go see him there in the stable"*

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." 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." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

This child is the offspring of a _____ womb. "Glory to the new born King!"

He was born to give us our second _____ birth. "Glory to the new born King!"

"The woman's conquering Seed _____ - would crush the serpent's head." "Glory to the newborn King!"

As we sang earlier in the song King of Kings, He came at just the _____ time. He is the _____ Word.

We praise You Father. We praise You Son. We praise You Holy Spirit.

Joy to the World, written by Issac Watts, the lyrics are taken from Psalm 98.

"Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.