

SERMON OUTLINE

AN INVASION OF HOPE

LUKE 2:8-14

DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

I. An Unexpected Setting: vs. 8-9

“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.” – Micah 5:2

II. A Joy-filled Declaration: vs. 10-11

“Christmas is an indictment before it becomes a delight. It will not have its intended effect until we feel desperately the need for a Savior.” – John Piper

III. A Humble Sign: vs. 12

“⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” – Phil. 2:5-7

IV. A Praise Erupting Response: vs. 13-14

BENEDICTION: “¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” – Romans 15:13