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True Christmas Stories Sermon Series December 13 to 27

Sermon Series Summary

It is that time of the year, Christmas is in the air. We hear all the Christmas songs, we see all the stores having major holiday sales. We already see the war between those who say "Merry Christmas" and those who will only speak the words, "Happy Holidays." Yes, Christmas is in the air but:

*Does our society still remember what Christmas is all about?
Has the story Christmas become trivial instead of real in the life of the people?*

Throughout this sermon series we are going to tell you about the true story of Christmas, what Christmas is truly all about, and how the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus is still changing lives today! Come and join us for a time of uplifting and encouragement!

Sermon One – The Story of the Arrival of Hope

Sermon Date: Sunday...December 13

Main Text: Selected Passages

**"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord."**

Big Question – Can I still find hope today?

Big Idea

Big Idea – Hope has Come, Hope is Here

The Arrival of Hope

Element #1 – The Declaration of Hope

- **Isaiah 49:6** – He says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Element #2 – The Characteristics of Hope

- **Isaiah 9:6** – For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Element #3 – The Realization of Hope

- **Luke 2:9-12** – ⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ^{ES} the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Memory Verse:

Luke 2:11 – Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ^{ES} the Lord.

Sermon Challenge

The Greatest Gift of All – This Christmas season, as you are shopping for friends and family, take a moment to buy something extra for a family, a child, a neighbor, or a co-worker that is in need this Christmas. Be sure to tell them that you were inspired to give them a gift because you have been given the greatest gift of all, salvation through Jesus Christ.