

SERMON NOTES:

Series: Light of the World | Part 3: It's Personal

Mark 1:1 (NIV)

¹ The beginning of the **good news** about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

John 1:14a (NIV)

¹⁴ The Word **became** flesh and made his **dwelling** among us.

John 1:14 (MSG)

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.

John 1:9 (NIV)

⁹ The true **light** that gives light to **everyone** was **coming** into the world.

John 1:12 (NIV)

¹² Yet to **all** who did **receive him**, to those who **believed in** his name, he gave the right to become **children** of God—

John 20:31 (NIV)

³¹ But these are written **that you** may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing **you** may have life in his name.

Luke 1:26-33 (NIV)

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! **The Lord is with you.**"

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom **will never end.**"

Matthew 1:18-21 (NIV) – heading: **Joseph accepts Jesus as His Son** (there's a miracle!)

¹⁸ This is how the birth of **Jesus the Messiah** came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was **found** to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the **law**, and yet did not want to **expose** her to public disgrace, he had in mind to **divorce** her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had **considered** this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph **son of David**, do not be **afraid** to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a **son**, and you are to give him the name **Jesus**, because he will **save** his people from their **sins**.”

Matthew 1:22-24 (NIV)

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Luke 2:1,3 (NIV)

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

Luke 2:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of **Nazareth** in Galilee to Judea, to **Bethlehem** the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Micah 5:2 (NIV)

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.”

Luke 2:6-19 (NIV)

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ 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. ⁸ And there were **shepherds** living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be **afraid**. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a **Savior has been born to you**; he is the **Messiah**, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: **You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger**.” ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to **those** on whom his **favor** rests.”

¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ So they hurried

off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that **whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.