

Faith

Sunday December 9, 2012

Luke 1:26-38

Something Happened

Christian Message is News

Christmas is about Something that Happened

- Births
- Angels
- Dreams
- Songs

What Was it that Happened?

The Promise

- The Good King
- The Promised King
- The Coming King

Isaiah 9:1-7

The Promise Kept

It is Here ... Now

Example – C. S. Lewis

- Always Winter But Never Christmas
- Signs of Spring

Scripture – It is Here ... Now

- Luke 1:31-33
- Luke 1:35
- Luke 1:69-73
- Luke 2:28-32
- Luke 4:20-21
- Acts 2:36

Now What?

- Hear the Message
- Honest Questions vs Hardness
- Believe this Message
- Deeply Personal and Self-Involving

Christmas Readings

The Christmas season can be such a hectic time! I want to encourage you to carve out a little time for reading and reflection over the month of December. For each week in December I have included a reading from 4 different parts of the Bible. I will use these passages in the Sunday sermons as well.

There are many ways you could use this list.

- Read all 4 passages in one sitting
- Read one passage a day for 4 days in the week
- Read one of the passages together as a family
- Read one or more of the passages with a small group

I do believe these times of reading and reflection can help us gain a little peace and perspective in this season.

Week 1 Dec 2-8	Psalm Prophet Gospel Epistle	Psalm 72 Micah 4:1-5 Matthew 1:18-2:12 Colossians 1:15-23
Week 2 Dec 9-15	Psalm Prophet Gospel Epistle	Psalm 24 Isaiah 9:1-7 Luke 1:26-56 Philippians 2:1-11
Week 3 Dec 16-22	Psalm Prophet Gospel Epistle	Psalm 25 Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 2:1-20 Hebrews 1
Week 4 Dec 23-29	Psalm Prophet Gospel Epistle	Psalm 28 Isaiah 35 John 1:1-14 Hebrews 2