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HOPE REVEALED

An Old Testament Christmas

Lesson One • Genesis 3:1-15

Christmas in the Garden

The Beginning of Christmas

The hope of Jesus is first revealed by God in the Garden of EDEN.

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." Genesis 3:15

Christmas in the Garden

1. There's a CONFLICT Behind the Narrative of Christmas!

The Conflict Behind Christmas

- The START of this conflict is between the serpent and the woman in the Garden of Eden.
- The STORY of this conflict continues between the descendants of Satan and the descendants of the woman.

2. There's a SAVIOR Born the Night of Christmas!

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12 ESV

The Nature of the Savior's Birth

Jesus is the SEED of the woman,
born to a virgin mother named Mary.

3. There's a HOPE Beyond the Nativity of Christmas!

Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2:14-15 NIV

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1John 3:8 ESV

The Hope of Jesus

- Satan bruised the HEEL of Jesus on the Cross.
- Jesus bruised the HEAD of Satan on the Cross.

The Reason Christmas Exists

Are you a sinner? Then you need Christmas; you need JESUS to save you from your sins.

"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 1:21 NIV

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Galatians 4:4-5 NIV

COMMUNION

A Reminder that Jesus Is the Reason for the Season

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation and identify with Christ in baptism) are invited to participate in Communion located at the front of the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!