

Series: Songs of the Season; Sermon: **The Angels' Song**

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Bible text explored: Luke 2:12-14

“ . . . ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” [ESV]

Review and application:

This series has so far explored Isaiah's song about hope through trust in God, Mary's on joy through worship, and Zechariah's on freedom by being who we were made to be.

1. The heavenly host sang about the good news to all people that the angel had announced (in *Luke 2:10-11*). For what breakthrough might the people of this Roman colony have been hoping?
What are some “gospels” for which our society is striving?
2. *O Little Town of Bethlehem* marvels at how silently “the wondrous gift is given.” What (v. 12) was the place and nature of the sign the angel described? How did it point to good news that is not bent on domination?
3. What and where (v. 13) was the focus of the armies of heaven?
4. Why (v. 14) is a humanitarian focus on achieving a kind, generous society on earth bound to come up short?
How can focusing on honoring God free us from the fear of men?
5. The biblical word translated as *peace* means far more than the absence of war. What other qualities are included?
To which people, favored by God, is this peace promised?
Why is this offer limited to those who have believed and received it?
6. Why does the doctrine of universalism—that everyone is saved whether or not they believe in Jesus—dishonor God?
What makes this unbiblical teaching also unworkable?
7. What response is essential to make sure that God's favor rests on you?
(See *Romans 10:9-10*.)
8. Why is sharing the gospel the most effective way to be a peace maker?
As a favored one, how are you exhibiting the peace that is yours . . .
. . . by standing up for truth while looking for peaceful solutions?
. . . by loving and praying for those who oppose you?
. . . by leaving the ultimate judgment to God?