



Dr. Mike Fabarez • Compass Bible Church • December 21 & 22, 2013 • Msg. # 13-40

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. (ESV)

Celebrate the One from Bethlehem who...

1. ...came to _____

Celebrate the One from Bethlehem who...

2. ...came to _____

Celebrate the One from Bethlehem who...

3. ...came to _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Romans 3:23**. While this verse may be familiar, why do you think so many Christians fail to regularly ponder the enormity of what it means?
2. Read **Hebrews 2:14-15**. How can this "freedom" be practically seen in the way Christians live (or ought to live) their lives?
3. Read **John 10:10-16** and **Hebrews 13:20-21**. What are some of the implications for your daily life that are derived from the Bible's use of the "shepherd" analogy in these two passages?
4. Read **John 15:1-5**. What are some of the obvious components that would constitute "abiding in Christ" drawn from this "vine and branches" illustration?
5. Read **Psalms 103:2**. This Christmas what are some creative ways you can focus on the celebration of this sermon's three revolutionary benefits, which God intended by the coming of Christ?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

December 22nd

Nah.1-3 & Rev.13

December 23rd

Hab.1-3 & Rev.14

December 24th

Zeph.1-3 & Rev.15

December 25th

Hag.1-2 & Rev.16

December 26th

Zech.1-3 & Rev.17

December 27th

Zech.4-6 & Rev.18

December 28th

Zech.7-9 & Rev.19

December 29th

Zech.10-12 & Rev.20

Audio and video recordings of today's sermon will be available on the Compass Bible Church website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 11-12 – **The King of Kings: And Some Unlikely Princes & Princesses**

Msg. # 06-41 – **Four Reasons God Lived Among Us**

Msg. # 10-37 – **Exploring the Purpose of the Incarnation**

Msg. # 07-22 – **Embracing the Unconventional & the Unexpected**

Msg. # 07-38 – **The Enduring Clash with Nativity's Antagonist**

Msg. # 12-42 – **A Controversial Baby: Simeon on the Polarizing Effects of Jesus Christ**

Msg. # 04-27 - 0431 – **Life's Last Enemy** (a five-part series on 1 Corinthians 15)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Boice, James Montgomery. **Two Cities, Two Loves: Christian Responsibility in a Crumbling Culture**. IVP, 1996.

Bounds, E. M. **Heaven: A Place, A City, A Home**. Baker Books, 1975.

Clouse, Robert G. **Two Kingdoms: The Church and Culture Through the Ages**. Moody Press, 1993.

Green, Michael. **Christ is Risen, So What? Is It True? Does It Matter?** Sovereign World, 1996.

Habermas, Gary R. **The Risen Jesus and Future Hope**. Rowman & Littlefield, 2003.

Habermas, Gary R. & J.P. Moreland. **Immortality: the Other Side of Death**. Thomas Nelson, 1992.

Hendriksen, William. **The Bible on the Life Hereafter**. Baker Books, 1971.

Kaiser, Walter C. **The Messiah in the Old Testament**. Zondervan, 1995.

Kistler, Don, ed. **Trust and Obey: Obedience and the Christian**. Soli Deo Gloria Ministries, 1997.

Lutzer, Erwin. **The Vanishing Power of Death**. Moody, 2004.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus: What is Authentic Faith?** Zondervan, 2008.

McClain, Alva. **The Greatness of the Kingdom: An Inductive Study of the Kingdom of God**. BMH Books, 1974.

Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Piper, John. **What Jesus Demands from the World**. Crossway Books, 2006.

White, Jerry. **Choosing Plan A in a Plan B World: Living Out the Lordship of Christ**. NavPress, 1987.