

Awe and Wonder

"Bethlehem"

Micah 5:1-6

Sermon Proposition

Jesus speaks peace into our chaos.

Introduction

1) God Speaks Peace into Chaos

2) Jesus is Uniquely Qualified to Speak Peace into Chaos

3) Three things we can receive from the Awe and Wonder of Bethlehem

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Open It!

Think of a time when you realized that you were “in over your head” or underqualified for what you were expected to do. How did it make you feel to have expectations that were beyond your ability, experience, or qualification?

How did you resolve the discrepancy between what you were supposed to do and what you were able to do?

Read It!

Read Micah 5:1-6

Consider It!

What danger is before God’s people in Micah 5:1? Who is the oppressor, according to v. 6-7?

What are some of the qualifications that Micah gives for the person who will lead and shepherd Israel in v 2-4?

What do verses 3-5 say will be the result of the leadership of this person?

What do you think is the connection between the qualifications and the result of peace? Why is the humility of little Bethlehem important?

Read Luke 2:1-7

How does God bring alignment for Jesus’s birth in Bethlehem?

What was Caesar Augustus seeking and how was God working in the midst of his seemingly unrelated and Roman kingdom serving action?

How do the circumstances of Jesus’s birth further exaggerate the humble situation of one born in Bethlehem?

Read Daniel 2:19-22

How does Daniel see the role of so-called “sovereign” rulers?

How does Daniel see his role in the revealing of God’s plan?

Live It!

What are some things that you’re trying to hold on to control that you need to turn over to God’s authority and sovereignty?

How do you think you would know if you needed to humble yourself and listen to God or others?

How can our submission to God’s authority give us confidence in spite of the fact that we might often be in over our heads?

Pray for Each Other