

"Nightmare Before Christmas" Classic Christmas Series Pastor Jason

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In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. –Luke 2:1-7

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. –**Micah 5:2**

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. –Isaiah 7:14

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." –Luke 1:38

Hope hinges on choosing God's **PROMISE** over your **PREDICAMENT**.

"Once you choose hope, anything is possible." —Christopher Reeve

God's Big Idea: Just because <u>THINGS LOOK BAD</u> doesn't mean <u>GOD'S NOT GOOD</u>.

We know that <u>in all things</u> God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. –Romans 8:28