

Go Tell it on the Mountain

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Sermon in a Sentence: We all need a Messiah to deliver us, and that Messiah has come!

Summary: On a cold dark night 2,000 years ago life was feeling pretty hopeless. In an instant humanity was delivered a message of hope for all people, “Peace on Earth, goodwill towards men!” This is a message that we receive with gladness and spread with joy because Jesus was born that night to bring us hope!

Ice Breaker Questions (Choose one or do them all, everyone answers):

- **What is your favorite winter childhood memory?**
- **How early do you start decorating for Christmas?**

Diving In:

- **Have a couple of people talk about a time when life felt hopeless.**
 - **What did you learn from the situation?**
 - **Are things better now? How have they improved?**

The Roman Empire in 4BC was a weird mix of peace that was maintained through fear and distrust. We don't worry about that, but we all have worries and fears that threaten to overwhelm us. We're all in need of a Savior.

Read Luke 2: 8-14

- **What do you imagine things were like in verse 8? How did it sound, smell, feel?**
- **Why were the shepherds terrified in verse 9?**
- **What is a Messiah? Read a few of these verses to discover who the Messiah is and what He meant to Israel.**

- **Isaiah 9:6, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 61:1-2**
- **Compare the expectations of the Messiah with how Jesus acted.** They wanted a conqueror and king, He came in a humble position and sacrificed Himself instead of taking over.

Going Deeper:

The angels praised God for bringing peace to those of us on the Earth. Let's look at the peace that Jesus promised us.

Read Matthew 11: 28-30

- **What is a yoke? What does it have to do with our burdens?** If a larger ox is yoked to a smaller one the big one ends up doing most of the work. God does most of the work in our relationship but we still get the benefits of a freshly plowed field.

The angels proclaimed the peace found in Jesus, and we need to also tell everyone about what God has done for us!

- **What are some simple ways to proclaim the Good News?**
- **How will you make this a priority in your life?**
- **Do you know people who could use the Good News? Take a minute to pray for them.**

Go Tell it on the Mountain!

Chorus

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born

How can we pray for you?