

## A Christmas Message...

### **Luke 2:8-14**

New International Version(NIV)

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

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Christmas, or the plans for Christmas begin in the Bible at the beginning. - Genesis 3:15

God had planned a substitute sacrifice - Genesis 22:9-14

The Prophet Micah spoke about Christ's birth centuries before it happened - Micah 5:1-4

Even King David spoke about the punishment Christ would endure - Psalms 22:16-18

When God Chose Mary, Mary's answer to the Angel was as follows - Luke 1:26-38

And when Christ was born the Angel's rejoiced as they told the shepherds nearby - Luke 2:8-14

May we all be bold and not be afraid to say Merry Christmas, as apposed to "Season's Greetings". May we stand up for Christ! May we remember that it is not about presents, trees, stress, money, or making the perfect Christmas. Its about celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, and the perfect Christmas God made!

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