

# THE CHRISTMAS SERIES 2012

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THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

**John 1:29**

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**Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship**

Introduction to the Text;

John 1:29

**“State The Contextual Summation and Theme”**

**!!! Merry Christmas !!!**

If I had to pick one word that best describes Christmas to me, it would be the word **Hope**.

***But Can Hope be Given as a Gift?***

*You bet it can. And it truly qualifies as a Gift.*

*You **can't buy** hope for yourself. You **can't borrow** hope from somebody. Hope **can't be earned** like a wage. You **can't order** hope at the drive thru window. Hope Can Only Be Given as a Gift*

**John 1:29b**

“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**Matt. 1:18-23**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. **:19** Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. **:20** But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **:21** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” **:22** So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, saying: **:23** *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,”* which is translated, “God with us.”

**Luke 2:6-14**

So it was, that while Joseph and Mary were there, the days were completed for her to deliver. **:7** And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **:8** Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **:9** And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. **:10** Then the angel said to them, *“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. **:11** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **:12** And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”* **:13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: **:14** *“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”*

**John 1:1-4,14a**

In (at) the beginning (of creation) was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **:2** He was in the beginning with God. **:3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **:4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men... **:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

Behold The Lamb of God

Luke 2:12

*And this will be the sign to you:*

*You will find a Babe (gift) wrapped in swaddling (small torn strips) cloths, lying in a manger (stone crib)."*

**John 19:38-41**

*After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. :39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. :40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen (large swaddling sheets) with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. :41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb (stone crib)*

## Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

As God's gift to us –

Jesus came wrapped in the swaddlings of a little baby boy.  
Eventually – Jesus would be unwrapped and presented to the world...

As God's gift to us –

Jesus was wrapped in the swaddlings of our Saviour King.  
Finally – Jesus would be unwrapped, resurrected for the world...

## BEHOLD CHRISTMAS

**5.) Behold the Hope of God**

## BEHOLD THE HOPE OF GOD

**5c.) God's hope gives me Joy**

*Jesus Came to Bind Up the Brokenhearted*

**Do You Want **Joy** This Christmas ?**

**BEHOLD THE **HOPE** OF GOD**

**5a.) God's hope makes me **Shout****

*you think those angels were quiet and polite ? – no way !!!*

**Wanna **Shout** This Christmas ?**

**BEHOLD THE **HOPE** OF GOD**

**5b.) God's hope brings me **Peace****

**Wanna Have **Peace** for Christmas ?**

**BEHOLD THE **HOPE** OF GOD**

**5d.) God's hope makes me **Excited****

**Wanna Be **Excited** for Christmas ?**

**BEHOLD THE **HOPE** OF GOD**

**5a.) God's hope gives me **Life****

Forgiveness / Freedom / Love / Happiness

# Wanna Know **Real Life** This Christmas ?

John 1:29b

“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

**Would You Give Your Heart To Jesus Tonight ?**

*( focusing on the young – invite them forward )*

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

*Come Forward for Prayer*

*End of Study*

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