I. The Proof of Gods Faithfulness Mic 5:2 One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel

A. Caesar had a plan. Luke 2:1 a decree went out from Caesar Augustus

B. Mary and Joseph had a plan. They thought Mary would give birth in Nazareth

II. An Example of Humility

A. His humble clothing Luke 2:7a and she <u>wrapped Him in</u> <u>cloths</u>

B. His humble bed Luke 2:7b and laid Him in a manger,

C. His humble life. Matt 11:29 *I am gentle and humble in heart*

III. A Display of Gods Wisdom

Luke 2:8 there were shepherds in the fields

1 Cor 1:19 the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise

IV. The Gift of Joy Luke 2:10 I bring you good news of great joy for all the people

A. Joy is grounded in God Ps 16:11 .In Your presence is fullness of joy

B. Joy flows from God. Rom 15:13 may the God of hope fill you with all joy

C. Joy is complete in God. John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

2 Cor 6:10 "Our hearts ache, but we always have joy..." NLT 2 Cor 7:4 "...in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds." NIV

V. The Promise of Life

Luke 2:11 there has been born for you a Savior

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost

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