

**Prepare Him Room**  
**Gabriel Announces the Forever King to Mary**  
Isaiah 9:6–7; Luke 1:26–38  
December 3, 2014  
**Sermon Outline**

Notes:

**I. Introduction**

A. Children’s Sermon:

1. What Season Starts Today?  
(Latin - *adventus*, “arrival”)
2. The Truly Important Part of Christmas

B. “Prepare Him Room”

As C. S. Lewis observed, “Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak.” “We are halfhearted creatures,” he adds, “fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”<sup>i</sup>

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart **prepare Him room**...

**Key Idea**

*Let us drink deeply of the majesty of Christ’s first advent so that our Christmas celebration would not be settling for “mud pies in the slums”.*

**II. Christmas is about the Coming of a King**

A. A Promised Son... (Adam, Abraham)

**Romans 15:8**

<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs...

B. A Promised King (David)

## 2 Samuel 7:16

<sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

C. Isaiah’s Prophecy (700; Ahaz)

D. The Names of David’s Greater Son

### Isaiah 9:6–7

<sup>6</sup> For to us **a child is born**, to us **a son is given**; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and **his name shall be called** *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, (Cf. 10:21) Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*<sup>ii</sup>. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be *no end*, on **the throne of David** and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and *forevermore*. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

E. Summary

1. Ahaz, you are blind and small-minded
2. God will preserve David’s line (as promised)
3. The coming King will be God/Man
4. This King will establish justice

### Key Idea

*God promises that a child would be born from David’s line to be king who will bring righteousness and reign forever.*

## III. Jesus is the Forever King God Promised

A. They will Call His Name...

### Luke 1:30–32a

<sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall **call his name Jesus**. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the *Son of the Most High*. ...

### **Luke 6:35**

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be *sons of the Most High*, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

#### B. Reign on David's Throne Forever

### **Luke 1:32b–33**

...And the Lord God will give to him *the throne of his father David*,<sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob *forever*, and of his kingdom there will be *no end*.”

#### C. The God/Man

### **Luke 1:35**

“*The Holy Spirit will come upon you*, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called *holy—the Son of God*.”

### **Psalms 2:7–8** (Cf. Acts 13:33; Heb. 1:5)

<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “*You are my Son*; today I have begotten you. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and *I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession*.”

### **Job 1:6**

<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the *sons of God* came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

### **Luke 3:38**

...<sup>38</sup> the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of **Adam**, the *son of God*.

## **IV. Gospel Implications**

- A. God Told Us In Advance (No One Reveals His Own Story like God!)

- B. God is Faithful to His Promises
- C. God is Powerful (Creator Powerful)
- D. God is Personal (The Incarnation is nothing if not Personal)
- E. God is Good (Jesus is the Perfect Substitute)
  - 1. He had to be God (Forgiveness)
  - 2. He had to be a new creation (Sinless)
  - 3. He had to be a man (to represent humanity; to pay what we owed)

### **Key Idea**

*Behold Jesus the king that God sent: born from David's line to be our perfect righteousness; his kingdom and righteous rule will last forever.  
Prepare him room in your hearts!*

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<sup>i</sup> Quote found in Michael Horton's book: ***Ordinary: Sustainable Faith in a Radical, Restless World*** (p. 57). Zondervan. Kindle Edition.

<sup>ii</sup> "Peace in Hebrew implies prosperity as well as tranquility" Carson, D. A., France, R. T., Motyer, J. A., & Wenham, G. J. (Eds.). (1994). *New Bible commentary: 21st century edition* (4th ed., p. 640). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press.