

Immanuel

Scripture - Lk. 2:8-14; Isa. 7:14

Songs #141 What Child Is This? #124 Away In A Manger

A. God's plan - To infiltrate humanity to overthrow evil. To gain back something very valuable to Him (Jn. 3:16; Rev. 13:8; Rom. 8:3).

1. Definition of "Infiltrate" - To enter or gain access to (an organization, place, etc) surreptitiously and gradually, especially in order to acquire secret information. Examples of this idea are;
 - a. TV series (Monk, Castle, Perry Mason, Macgyver, etc)
 - b. Movies
 - c. Police work; Crime syndicates, drug rings, etc.
 - d. Sports fields - Someone trying to get the other teams play book.
 - e. Games - "Tomb Raider" "Infiltrating the camp of the enemy"
 - f. Cooperate espionage - to get the secret formula.
 - g. Government espionage - cyber crimes, attacks from other countries on the US.
 - h. History - Elliot Ness trying to infiltrate Al Capone, etc.
2. How God was going to accomplish His goal.
 - a. Not to overpower with a great force (Lk. 2:12).
 - b. Not to demand respect and argue about the motive, but to send a child, an infant, unpretentious and unprotected (Lk. 2:10-11).
 - c. Unlike the plot that develops in life and is portrayed so often in movies, where necessity is the mother of invention; God choose to reveal his plans in advance long before sin ever took place (Rev. 13:8; Heb. 10:5).
 - d. Through prophecies God broadcasted His intentions (Micah 5:2).
 - e. Because the plan was considered to be "dubious at best", considered ill-conceived and unbelievable by most, with little to no prospects for success, it was not looked for with anticipation or even taken seriously by the leaders or the masses (Jn. 1:11).
 - f. But infinite wisdom had conceived and designed the plan even before the need for redemption existed (Rom. 5:8).

B. God's plan is to infiltrate (Mt. 5:13; 13:33; 1 Pet. 2:9).

1. Our hearts (Eze. 36:26).
2. Our minds (Phil. 2:5; Mt. 5:39; 5:28).
3. Our Finances (Mk. 2:11; Mal. 3:10).
4. Our health (1 Cor. 6:19-20).
5. Our relationships (Eph. 5: 22, 25).
6. Our lives (Acts 4:13).

C. Appeal - Have you let Him infiltrate all th areas of your life?

D. Celebrating the communion service

1. Sharing the symbols of His body and blood.
2. Testimonies