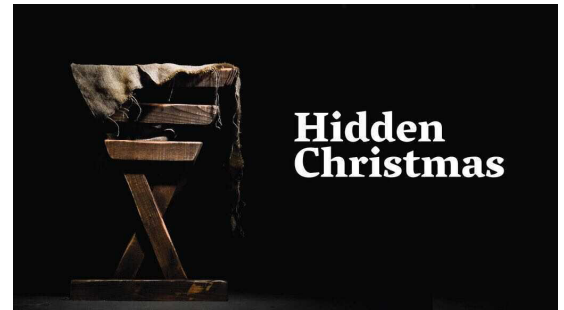


## Hidden Christmas

Peace (12.20.20)

S Scripture  
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**If you can behold Christmas it will help overcome your fears.**

- What are some of the fears you have wrestled with in 2020?

### Read: Luke 2:8-10

- Frank taught something that might seem new: When God shows up people are afraid. But what if, *whenever you're afraid it's a chance for God to show up?* What are your thoughts on that?
- Older translations of Luke 2:10 read, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings." There is actually a Greek word that can be translated *behold*. Modern translations often leave that word out. What does *behold* mean and why do you think it is in the original?
- What benefit is there to you when you truly behold the Gospel?

### Read: Luke 2:10-14

- Timothy Keller wrote, "Hostilities with God lead to hostilities with others. There is no peace on earth because there is no peace with God." How have you seen that play out in your experience?

### Read: Luke 2:15-20

- Mary treasured these things in her heart, and she pondered them in her thoughts. Why is it so important that we engage with God's story with *both* our emotions and our mind?

**Prayer:** Pray that God will enable you to really *behold* Christmas so your fears will be overcome.