



Silent Night: A Special Journey Christmas Service

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The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-11

¹ At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. ⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!'

How Jesus Brings “Silent Night” to Me this Christmas

1. Jesus Brings Hope to My Dark Days.

“Let people rejoice in every day of life. But let them also remember there will be many dark days.” - Ecclesiastes 11:8

(Jesus) “I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.” - John 12:46

2. **Jesus Brings Peace to My Burdened Heart.**

*"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6*

*(Jesus) "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28*

3. **Jesus Gives Me a Fresh Start.**

*"He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.
He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed
him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.
They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan,
but a birth that comes from God." - John 1:10-13*

*"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

(Written by Joseph Mohr in 1816 shortly after the end of the Napoleonic Wars)

Join us next Sun, Jan 1 as we kick-off 2023 with a powerful message on **How to Follow Jesus More Closely in 2023**. Invite your friends and family and join us in-person at 11am at the AMC Empire 25 Theater in Times Square or for church online at 9am, 11am, & 1pm (plus additional online service times including Saturdays at 5pm or 7pm).

- *If you made a first-time decision to follow Jesus today, email follower@journeynyc.com to receive a free copy of “The Next Step for Your Journey” book, plus other helpful materials.*
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My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ Trust Jesus as my Savior and Lord for the first time.
- ☐ Attend the *Core 4: Strengthening the Foundations of My Faith* teaching series NEXT Sunday, January 8 at The Journey Church.
- ☐ Pray for *The NExT Initiative* and consider giving an end-of-year gift.
- ☐ Receive info on attending the special Walk Thru the Bible New Testament Seminar (identical seminars – pick only one):
 - ☐ Sat, Jan 28 from 9:30am- 12:30pm
 - ☐ Sun, Jan 29 from 1:00-4:00pm

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