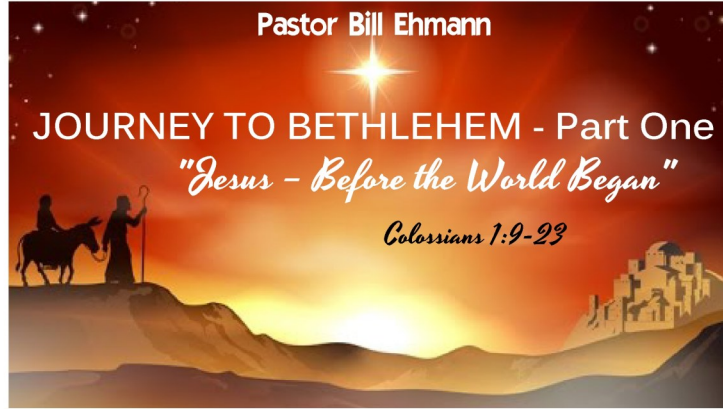


Message Notes

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

9:30 & 11:00am



In these weeks leading up to Christmas 2019, we will follow Jesus from before the world existed to His entrance into our world as “Immanuel – God with us” (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). We will step out of the series on November 24 for a Celebration of Thanksgiving.

We begin with some foundational beliefs:

1. Creator God has always existed; He has no beginning or ending. We do not try to explain this or claim to understand it – we accept it by the faith that He gives to us to believe. (Psalm 90:1-2)
2. There are three persons that make up one God: Father, Son, Spirit. There is no human explanation or illustration to explain this adequately – we accept it by the faith that God gives to us to believe. (Matthew 3:16-17)
3. The basis of our belief is the Bible that has come from Creator God. The Spirit breathed the Words into men and women who wrote down His thoughts that have been preserved and translated into our language. The Bible is the only authority on which to base our belief that Jesus existed before the world began. The Bible makes this claim for itself. (II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21)

4. Being God Himself, the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem was the fulfillment of a plan in which He participated. We could say that Jesus helped develop the plan and then fulfilled His own destiny to redeem us. (John 17:24; I Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 4:3)

5. The sovereignty of God includes the free will of humans – a reality that is not explainable in human wisdom. (Romans 9:14-18)

6. Not only was Jesus “before the world began” – so was every human in the thoughts and plans of God. (Colossians 1:17; Ephesians 1:3-6; II Timothy 1:9-11)

7. The journey to Bethlehem began long before Genesis 1:1. Jesus’ arrival in Bethlehem was only the beginning of His brief time on Planet Earth as a human – actually the God-man. (Philippians 2:5-7)

8. When we read the Bible, we are reading His Story. (Colossians 1:9-23)

9. Communion focus – John 17:1-3

NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Bill Ehmann

Journey to Bethlehem

"BIGGEST PROBLEM – GREATEST PROMISE"

Genesis 3:1-15; Romans 5:1-21

Nov. 10, 2019
9:30 &
11:00 A.M.

Spanish interpretation available at 11:00am service