



**Christmas: Reasons To Hope  
The Incarnation  
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Luke 2:1-7**

**We have a reason to hope this Christmas because our God knows when to show up.**

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.” (Isa. 9:2)*

**Who is it that shows up?**

- God himself

**Why does God show up?**

- To rescue and save

**How does God show up?**

- In quiet humility

*“And while they were there [in Bethlehem], the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guest room.” (Luke 2:5-7)*

**How are we to respond when God shows up?**

- Welcome him into the center of your life.

*“Look, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” (Rev. 3:20)*

If God were to show up in your life today, would there be room for him?

