

The Gospel from Carols

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Micah 5:2
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Introduction:

- Phillip Brooks wrote the words while on Sabbatical in Israel.
 - Lewis Redner composed the tune.
 - 1868 the song that we now sing was complete.
 - Let us look at the carol we know so well and see the message it gives us to share with someone looking for hope.
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1. God chose a little town in which the Savior was to be born:

- a. Seven hundred years prior to the birth of Jesus ... Micah wrote **Micah 5:2**
- b. **1st Peter 1:12**
- c. **Luke 2:1**
- d. **Proverbs 21:1**
- e. **Luke 2:3-7**
- f. God often selects small places to do big things:
 - i. Hodgenville, Kentucky – Abraham Lincoln
 - ii. Paris, Kentucky – Cane Ridge Revival

2. God chose a little town and He chose a peasant couple:

- a. **Leviticus 5:7**
- b. **1st Corinthians 1:26-27**
- c. **Daniel 4:7**

3. God chose a little town, a peasant couple, and He chose to enter the world as a helpless infant:

- a. **Ron Davis** ... *“Sometimes the most delightful gifts are wrapped in the simplest packages, like swaddling clothes.”*
- b. **Ken Gire** ... *“Intimate Moments with the Savior” ... writes ... “The Divine Word reduced to a few unintelligible sounds ... Then for the first time, his eyes fix on his mother’s. Deity straining to focus. The Light of the World, squinting. Tears pool in her eyes. She touches his tiny hand. And hands that once sculpted mountain ranges, cling to her finger.”*

- c. **Mark Lowery** – “*Mary did you know?*”
- d. We can think of three reasons why Jesus came as a little baby:
 - i. Jesus came not just to save us, but to identify with our struggles. – **Hebrews 4:15**
 - ii. Jesus came as an infant to demonstrate His awesome power. – **2nd Corinthians 12:9**
 - iii. Jesus came as an infant to illustrate how God normally works in our lives. –
- e. Often, it is not the big things that matter most in our lives.