

Silent Night: Better Than A Truce (Luke 2:8-14)

Introduction: *December 24, 1914 in Ypres, Belgium – WWII*

- I. IN THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914, WE SEE A PICTURE OF WHAT GOD DID FOR US AT THE MANGER
 - A. Jesus' birth is like a 'ceasefire' between a holy God & sinful mankind
 - B. The human race is at war with God (1 Cor. 15:22; Rom 3:23)
 - C. The Christmas truce of 1914 was short lived...
 - D. But God's 'ceasefire' with mankind is forever (Luke 2:8-14)

- II. THE MANGER POINTS US NOT TO A TRUCE, BUT TO A CROSS
 - A. On the cross, Jesus went into 'no man's land' for us in the battle for our souls
 - B. He cried out ***"it is finished!"*** (The battle against sin, death & devil is won)
 - C. This has special meaning for you who are not regular in church attendance
 - D. This has special meaning for any of us who are 'at war' with others in our lives

Conclusion: *Silent Night: so much better than a Christmas truce!*