

## SERMON OUTLINE DECEMBER 18, 2016

I Need a Sign Isaiah 7:10-17

- **INTRODUCTION:** Science fiction movie *Children of Men:* a sign of hope or judgement?
- I. THE SIGN OF IMMANUEL FOR KING AHAZ: A Sign of Hope or Judgement (Isaiah 7:10-17)
  - A. The prophet Isaiah brought King Ahaz <u>a sign of hope</u>: **the sign of Immanuel**
  - B. King Ahaz would not believe God, so for him, the sign of Immanuel became <u>a sign of judgement</u>
  - C. The sign of Immanuel would be fulfilled in a much greater way . . . in a manger in Bethlehem
- II. THE SIGN OF IMMANUEL FOR JOSEPH & MARY: What a sign! (Matthew 1:18-25)
  - A. God sent an angel to deliver the sign of Immanuel
  - B. For Joseph & Mary, it was a sign of hope
  - C. What does this sign mean for you? (Rev. 1:17; John 14:27; 11:25)

## III. THE SIGN OF IMMANUEL IS FOR US TODAY

- A. It is a powerful sign at: a manger, a cross, and empty grave
- B. It is **a powerful sign** today at Palmer's baptism & in the Lord's Supper
- **CONCLUSION:** The song: "Signs" by Canadian group Five Man Electrical Band