



Fourth Sunday of Advent: He Shall Be The One Of Peace *Micah 5:2-5a*

*We discover the peace of God when we stop looking for it
in all the wrong places.*

Fourth Sunday Of Advent—A longing for peace

When all you want is just a moment of peace...

A world full of noise—a world full of struggle—a world at war

What is it about humankind—that we choose war and strife over peace?

A few quotes to show the foundation we've laid...

Look around—what do you see happening in the world?

What if there was a way to peace? Would we take it?

This Sunday of Advent helps to point the way to a new world—and to old ideas.

Some quotes to illustrate—including a very familiar name....

At some point we need to stop seeking peace where peace can't be found...

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Micah 5:2-5a

- *Written around 735 BCE—after the Assyrian conquest of the Northern Kingdom*
- *Sennacherib destroyed cities, villages, surrounding Jerusalem (Micah's)*
- *Besieges Jerusalem—the king, religious leaders, etc. betrayed the people*
- *Micah shifts in this passage and begins sharing a vision of a new ruler...*
- *Shepherd, Bethlehem, Gathering, Security, Peace—Shades of David?*
- *“He shall be the one of peace”—this is something completely different*

***Micah declares that true peace will never be found if we continue seeking it in
the same, flawed, violent and zero sum ways—this is not God's way***

Peace In Unlikely Places (Jesus' Example)

- *Winning Isn't Everything - (the race to the bottom)*
- *Silence Speaks Volumes - (refusal to engage in senseless arguments)*
- *God-Vision Clarifies - (seeing the world as God sees it)*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

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Watch For The Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas
Various Authors

Shadow and Light: A Journey Into Advent
Tsh Oxenreider

Low: An Honest Advent Devotional
John Pavlovitz

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