

### Advent #3 "Jesus: Our Joy", Luke 2:8-20

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Colossians 1:15

...for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

#### A) They hear the message of joy. (vs. 8-14)

<sup>8</sup>In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup>for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." Luke 2:8-14

The message of joy: the **Savior** is **born**.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walk in darkness  
Will see a great light;  
Those who live in a dark land,  
The light will shine on them.

<sup>3</sup>You shall multiply the nation,  
You shall increase their gladness;  
They will be glad in Your presence  
As with the gladness of harvest,  
As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. Isaiah 9:2-3

<sup>6</sup>For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace,  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>10</sup>Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>"Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; make *it* deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" <sup>13</sup>Then he said, "Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He will eat curds and honey at the time He knows *enough* to refuse evil and choose good.

Isaiah 7:10-15

<sup>22</sup> Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.”  
Matthew 1:22-23

<sup>12</sup> This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12

**B) They see the promised Savior. (vs. 15-19)**

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. Luke 2:15-19

Jesus was born the Savior, He didn’t just become one.

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<sup>20</sup> But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20-21

<sup>29</sup> “Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace,  
According to Your word;  
<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,  
And the glory of Your people Israel.” Luke 2:29-32

**C) They respond in worship (vs. 20)**

They worshipped because they heard and saw the faithfulness of God.