

**The Wonder of Christmas**  
**The Wonder of His Joy**  
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*“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.” Matthew 2:1-12*

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1. Joy Of **Finding** Jesus

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**The Simple Truth**  
**Jesus Brings Joy**

*“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” Luke 2:10*

*“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.” Matthew 13:44*

*“David said about him: “‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope.” Acts 2:25-26*

## 2. Joy Of **Worshipping** Jesus

*“They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.”*

*“Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.” Psalm 145:3-7*

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” Philippians 4:4*

*“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose.” Acts 16:25-26*

## 3. Joy Of **Giving** To Jesus

*“They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts”*

*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

## 4. Joy Brings **Completion**

*“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” John 15:11*

### **Real Joy**

- Jesus First
- Others Second
- Yourself Third

*“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13*

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Scripture: *Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 2:10; Matthew 13:44; Acts 2:25-26; Psalm 145:3-7; Philipians 4:4; Acts 16:25-26; John 15:11; Jeremiah 29:13*