

Prepare Him Room: Joy To The World

December 24, 2020 Message Notes NEHEMIAH 8:10

Merry Christmas, Christ Journey Family! This year's experience may look and feel different as we gather around screens, but we will not let that stop us from remembering and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. No matter how dark the night has become, God's light still shines through. Prepare Him room in your heart and let His light shine in and through you. It will bring you peace and joy.



ADVENT CANDLE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 2:11-14

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Isaiah 7:14

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Luke 2:4-7

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."

Luke 2:8-10

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

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." 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.

NOTES

No matter how dark the night, God's light still shines through.



"...shine among them like stars in the sky." *PHILIPPIANS 2:15*

"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

"...and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." *MATTHEW 1:21*

God's light shines more brightly over time if we let it.

Pray for God's Blessing Around You:

- 1. A Better 2021
- 2. Physical Health
- 3. Financial Resources
- 4. Relational Healing
- 5. Spiritual Wholeness

"...my joy will be in you and your joy will be full." JOHN 15:11

"The joy of the Lord is our strength." *NEHEMIAH 8:10*

"...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." *JOHN 1:14*

