

JOY TO YOUR WORLD

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1. WE HAVE JOY IN A FRUSTRATED WORLD.

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

A. Fear can lead to frustration.

Luke 2:8-9 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.

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

- **Christmas reminds us that we can trade our fears for joy.**

B. Disappointment can lead to frustration.

Luke 2:11 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.”

Micah 5:2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

John 7:42 Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?”

- **Christmas reminds us that God keeps His promises.**

C. Waiting can lead to frustration.

- **Christmas reminds us that Jesus has come and is coming again.**

2. WE HAVE JOY IN A LONELY WORLD.

Luke 2:11 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.”

A. Jesus came to be God incarnate.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

B. Jesus came to be God with us.

Matthew 1:22-23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

3. WE HAVE JOY IN A HOPELESS WORLD.

Luke 2:11 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.”

A. Jesus is the Savior.

B. Jesus is the Messiah.

C. Jesus is the Lord.

Luke 2:1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

D. Joy begins with Jesus.