

JOY

Joy & Christmas

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

...increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 NIV

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."

Isaiah 9:7 NIV

Shepherds

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11 NIV

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Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Rehoboam, Solomon, Manasseh, David

Jesus came from sinners for sinners.

"...Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom..."

Jesus came into the world to reveal the Father to the world.

If your ideas about God don't look like Jesus...you have the wrong ideas about God.

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"We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.

Luke 23:41 NIV

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 22:43 NIV

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The Cross

The good news is: God cares more about who people are than he cares about what people have done.

The good news is: God cares more about sinners than He does their sin.

The good news is this: God's capacity to forgive is greater than my capacity to sin.

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV

