

The Joy of Advent

Luke 2:1-20

Introduction: Luke 19:37-44 & Matthew 28:1-10.

I. The Joy of the Shepherds

A. How did they get their joy?

1. They were visited by the A_____ - v9.
2. They were given the good N_____ - v10-11.

B. How did it affect them?

1. How did they express their joy to others? - v17
2. How did they express their joy to God? - v20

II. The Joy of Simeon - Luke 2:25-35

A. How did he get his joy?

1. Consolation = _____ - v25.
2. What was he waiting for? - v26

B. How did it affect him?

1. He E_____ the baby & praised God - v28.
2. He B_____ the baby & His family - v34-35.

III. The Joy of Anna - Luke 2:36-38

A. How did she get her joy?

1. Who was she & where did she live? - v36-37

2. What did she dedicate herself to?

B. How did it affect her?

1. She P_____ the Lord - v38.
2. She S_____ to everyone in the temple area about the baby.

IV. The Joy of the Magi - Matthew 2:1-12

A. How did they get their joy? - Numbers 24:17

1. They sacrificed their T_____ & T_____.
2. They E_____ themselves.
3. They were E_____ by King Herod - v9.

B. How did it affect them? - v10-11

V. Where Do You Get Your Joy?

A. God's will for you is to be J_____ & P_____ -
Philippians 4:4 & I Thessalonians 5:16-18.

B. What is God's ultimate joy for you? - John 15:11 & Galatians 5:22.

C. How can you get your joy?

1. I Thessalonians 2:19.
2. John 16:24.
3. I Peter 4:13-14.

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