

# The Wonder Of Joy

## The Wonder Of Christmas

**Week 1: The Wonder Of His Birth** - Jesus came to save messy people.

**Week 2: The Wonder Of Hope** - Jesus is the greatest gift ever given.

### Realization #1

## The Joy Of \_\_\_\_\_ To Jesus

**Matthew 2:1** Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men [*royal astrologers*] from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, **2** "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." **3** King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. **4** He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" **5** "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: **6** 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.' [*Micah 5:2; 2 Samuel 5:2.*]" **7** Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. **8** Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!" **9** After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. (NLT)

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### With Jesus

**Romans 5:3** We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. **4** And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. **5** And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. (NLT)

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### With Jesus

**Philippians 3:12** I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. **13** No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, **14** I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. (NLT)

**Isaiah 4:5** Then the Lord will provide shade for Mount Zion and all who assemble there. He will provide a canopy of cloud during the day and smoke and flaming fire at night, covering the glorious land. **6** It will be a shelter from daytime heat and a hiding place from storms and rain. (NLT)

**Proverbs 10:25** When the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have a lasting foundation. (NLT)

## Realization #2

### The Joy Of \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

**Matthew 2:10** When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!  
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**Luke 2:10** but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. (NLT)

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**Matthew 13:44** “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.” (NLT)

**Acts 2:25** King David said this about him: ‘I see that the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. **26** No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope. (NLT)

## Realization #3

### The Joy Of \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

**Matthew 2:11a** They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Of Worship

**Daniel 2:2** He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood before the king, (NLT)

**Psalms 145:3** Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. **4** Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. **5** I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles. **6** Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness. **7** Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy about your righteousness. (NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_ Of Worship

**Philippians 4:4** Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! (NLT)

**Acts 16:25** Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. **26** Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! (NLT)

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#### Realization #4

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**Matthew 2:11b** Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_ Gifts

**Isaiah 60:6** Vast caravans of camels will converge on you, the camels of Midian and Ephah. The people of Sheba will bring gold and frankincense and will come worshiping the Lord. (NLT)

**2 Corinthians 9:6** Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. **7** You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." (NLT)

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#### Realization #5

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**John 15:10** "When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. **11** I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! **12** This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you." (NLT)

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