

# Here is Our King!

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Joy to the World

**Luke 2:1-20**

**V. 10 – But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great JOY that will be for all people...”**

**How do we define joy?**

**Joy exists outside of our \_\_\_\_\_**

- We often equate joy with \_\_\_\_\_
- Mary and Joseph had neither.
  - o They were poor
  - o Jesus was not born in luxury but in a stable with the animals.
  - o We are unsure how Mary and Joseph’s community \_\_\_\_\_ to her pregnancy.

**Joy can be found in the company of \_\_\_\_\_**

- \_\_\_\_\_ and Rachel's Weeping
- The excitement of their guests alongside the escape in the night.

The primary difference between happiness and Joy:

- Happiness and unhappiness \_\_\_\_\_, but joy and sorrow can.

**James 1:2-4 (NIV)** - Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

The Joy of Christmas is intertwined with:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ and the Joy of the Resurrection!
- **Hebrews 12:2**

This mix of suffering and Joy is experienced in the \_\_\_\_\_!

**Our joy is found wrapped in \_\_\_\_\_!**

What is the Good News of great joy that will be for all people?

“A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord!”

Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 15:13 (NIV)**- May the God of hope **fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**December Memory Verse: Psalm 107:1 (NLT)** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.