

Jesus Is Joy **Matthew 2:1-12**

Luke 2:10-11, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

The BIG Idea ... Jesus is _____! And so, to know _____ is to know joy. The joy of Jesus ...

- Isn't a fleeting _____; it's a permanent _____.
- "Is a deep, durable delight in God that can't be extinguished by anything else" (Piper).

The Story

- Herod: the psychotically _____ king. Isaiah 60:3, "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."
- The wise men: court magicians, astronomers, or princes from the _____. Numbers 24:17, "A star will come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel."
- The point: God is leading these wise men to Bethlehem to _____ the One who is born King of the Jews. Matthew 2:6 (quoting Micah 5:2), "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."
- The religious establishment knows the Old Testament promises about Jesus and the signs that point to Jesus, but they are _____ to Jesus.
- Herod will protect his position at all costs—he pretends _____, but intends _____.
- It isn't luck or fate that brings the wise men to Jesus; it's _____. If you are a believer in Jesus, then God has done the same with you. In sovereign grace, He has opened your eyes to Jesus and brought you to Him.

Psalm 16:11, "In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

- Worship is all about _____. Where you go for _____ is what you will _____.
- Joyful worship is accompanied by joyful _____.
- The joy we find in Jesus far _____ the joy anything else can give.
- God is always working in all things and working out all things for the good of His people—sparing our lives, working _____, even when we aren't aware of it.

The Significance

1. Let the joy of Jesus _____ your life.
2. Let the joy of Jesus _____ your life.