

Celebrating the Birth of Jesus, Part 2

Luke 2:8-20

Main Point:

Celebrate the birth of Jesus by spreading His good news of great joy to all people.

1. The gospel of Jesus is good news.

2. The gospel of Jesus is good news that brings great joy.

3. The gospel of Jesus is good news that brings great joy for all people.

4. Celebrate the birth of Jesus by spreading His good news of great joy to all people.

Quotations and Cross-References

Song of Solomon 2:11 ¹¹ For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. (NKJV)

Colossians 1:19-20 ¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken “Shepherds were despised. With the exception of lepers, they were the lowest class of men in Israel. Yet these were the men God wanted to hear the gospel ...”

Philip Ryken “This shows how much we need the preaching of the gospel. To understand what God has done, we need to have someone explain it to us ... This is how God saves us: not simply by sending Jesus to be our Savior, but also by preaching us the gospel so that we can believe in his saving work. God doesn't just do things; he also says things, and we need to know what he says so that we can believe in what he has done.”

Romans 10:13-15 ¹³ For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." ¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" (NKJV)