

Christmas Joy

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TEXT: Luke 2:8-11

MAIN POINT: Part of our problem is that we’ve got the _____
_____ about joy. We tend to connect it with _____, and
think that joy _____ on our _____.

Luke 2:8-14

8 *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

9 *And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

10 *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

11 *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

12 *And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

13 *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,*

14 *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (KJV)*

LETTER A: Christmas is a _____ of the way things
_____ go.

Micah 5:2

2 *But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.*

LETTER B: God had _____ the Jews 700 years before,
_____ Christ would be born.

LETTER C: The religious leaders _____ the _____
important event in world _____ because they couldn't be
_____.

LETTER D: The theologians _____ the _____ but wouldn't
act on it; the shepherds knew _____, but what they
_____, they _____ and immediately _____
upon.

LETTER E: It's not _____ you _____, but
_____ you _____ with what you _____ that
makes the difference.

There are two aspects to this truth we need to mention:

ASPECT #1: That there were _____ associated with the _____ of Jesus Christ.

ASPECT #2: It's important to remind ourselves, that the phrase "*this day*" _____ that it _____.

LETTER F: EVERYTHING about the Christmas story is _____, including the central truth that there _____ was a baby born in Bethlehem, who _____ was the Son of God.

Matthew 1:21

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

LETTER G: This is why Jesus _____—to be a _____ for _____ who will _____ to Him.

LETTER H: This is the _____ of Christmas. God _____ us enough to _____ His _____ begotten Son.