

# Good News *and* Great Joy

Luke 2:8-12

Joy can be a slippery target...one day you're overrun with it the next day you may feel like being swallowed up in a big dark hole. The trouble with joy is that it doesn't come naturally. It's a fruit of the Spirit and as such it comes *to us* when Christ lives *in us*. So...real joy can be difficult to find because we can't produce it ourselves.

The world is always looking for REAL joy...There is a place that it can be found in ample supply. It was birthed in a little stable in a no-account city just south of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago...

The world is always looking for great joy...

But the world also knows that there won't be great joy without some \_\_\_\_\_ first.

***Why can't we hear good news for a change?***

Because we \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ world.

***How did the Good News come?***

It came with an \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 2:9

It came with a \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 2:10

It came with a \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 2: 12

***What is the road to Joy?***

By coming to the shepherds God was making it clear that the road to joy is:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 8 (He identifies with all...He cares for all)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 9, 10 (it's not of our own making)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 12 (a person not an idea)