

Great Joy!

Luke 2:8-14

I. A World of Joys

A. Christmas, the gospels say, is great joy – supernatural joy.

B. When the Wise Men found Him after a two-year journey it says, “they rejoiced with exceeding great joy” (Matthew 2:10).

II. Words of Joy

A. Not only did God fill His world with joy, but He filled His world with His Word.

B. Joy is the stuff of every day; “great joy” is reserved for exceptional moments.

1. Great Joy – God designed His world of joy to prepare us for great joy in His Son.

2. Great Heights - Such news captures not only lowly shepherds, but even the hosts of heaven, who long to look into these things (1 Peter 1:12).

3. Great Lengths - This is “good news of great joy that will be for all people” (Luke 2:10).

4. Great Depths - According to Isaiah 53:3-6, this child, who is Joy Incarnate, will be a Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief, and it will be His great suffering that secures for us great joy.