

# **Good News of Great Joy**

Luke 2:1-21

# True Joy

“The books or the music in which we thought the beauty was located will betray us if we trust to them; [joy] was not in them, it only came through them, and what came through them was longing. These things—the beauty, the memory of our own past—are good images of what we really desire; but if they are mistaken for the thing itself they turn into dumb idols, breaking the hearts of their worshippers. For they are not the thing itself; they are only the scent of a flower we have not found, the echo of a tune we have not heard, news from a country we have never yet visited.” -CS Lewis

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- “I bring you good news that will cause great joy.” Verse 10
- “But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” Verse 19



# Joy Conclusion

- Psalm 96:1 “Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth!”
- Psalm 96:12b “then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.”
- Philippians 1:21 “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”
- Luke 2:19 “But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.”
- Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
- John 16:24 “Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”