16.12.18 Experiencing the Joy of Christmas Luke 2.8 – 11 Notes

The most spectacular birth announcement is captured on the pages of scripture in

Luke 2.8 – 14. For us, 2000 years later, how can you experience the great joy of this birth?

1. Recognize Jesus’ coming is good news for  !

By visiting the  , the angel revealed the grace of God toward all of mankind.

1. Jesus’ coming is  because: hopes are fulfilled; God’s glory returns; and salvation is proclaimed.

There is great joy because Jesus fulfilled long-awaited  . Micah 5.2; Matthew 2.1 – 6

There is great joy because Jesus brought the return of God’s  to the earth. 1 Timothy 3.16; John 1.14;

There is great joy because  is proclaimed! Luke 2.11.

The good news of great joy is the  .

How you, 2000 years later, experience this great joy depends on how you respond to the good news.

1. **Jesus’ coming invites response!**

To experience great joy,  the good news.

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Luke 2.15 – 16.

To experience great joy,  the good news! Luke 2.17 – 18.

A   is the most appealing witness you will ever display to a lost and hurting world. 2 Corinthians 8.9