**The Joy of Advent**
Luke 2:1-20

Introduction: Luke 19:37-44 & Matthew 28:1-10.

**I. The Joy of the Shepherds**

A. How did they get their joy?

 1. They were visited by the A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v9.

 2. They were given the good N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v10-11.

B. How did it affect them?

 1. How did they express their joy to others? - v17

 2. How did they express their joy to God? - v20

**II. The Joy of Simeon - Luke 2:25-35**

A. How did he get his joy?

 1. Consolation = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v25.

 2. What was he waiting for? - v26

B. How did it affect him?

 1. He E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the baby & praised God - v28.

 2. He B\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the baby & His family - v34-35.

**III. The Joy of Anna - Luke 2:36-38**

A. How did she get her joy?

 1. Who was she & where did she live? - v36-37

 2. What did she dedicate herself to?

B. How did it affect her?

 1. She P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord - v38.

 2. She S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to everyone in the temple area about the baby.

**IV. The Joy of the Magi - Matthew 2:1-12**

A. How did they get their joy? - Numbers 24:17

 1. They sacrificed their T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. They E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

 3. They were E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by King Herod - v9.

B. How did it affect them? - v10-11

**V. Where Do You Get Your Joy?**

A. God's will for you is to be J\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & P\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Philippians 4:4 & I Thessalonians 5:16-18.

B. What is God's ultimate joy for you? - John 15:11 & Galatians 5:22.

C. How can you get your joy?

 1. I Thessalonians 2:19.

 2. John 16:24.

 3. I Peter 4:13-14.

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