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Sermon Series: "Joy{Full}"

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- **1.** The birth of Jesus is joyful news because it is real news. It is not fake news. It really happened. (Luke 1:1-4).
- **2.** The birth of Jesus is joyful news because it is universal news. It is good news for all people (v. 10) because Jesus came and died for everyone regardless of race, color, location, socio-economic status, morality, or religion (Romans 1:16).
- **3.** The birth of Jesus is joyful news because it is saving news. We are not saved through rules, rituals, or philosophy but through God coming into the world in the person of Jesus (John 3:16). He is our Lord and Savior (Philippians 2:5-11).

Conclusion: How are we to respond to this good, joyful news?

- **-Faith in Jesus.** Are you trusting Him? The shepherds acted on what the angels told them. Faith is taking God at His Word and acting on it. They went to see "this thing that has come to pass" and not if it had come to pass.
- -Sharing this good news with others.
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