



**Riverbluff Church Listening Guide
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Christmas 2021 part 3

ADVENT: HOW JOY COMES TO US
Luke 1 & 2; Matthew 2

Romans 15:4 (ESV)

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,
that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

From SHEPHERDS, we learn to look for JOY _____ !

Luke 2:8-9 (ESV)

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them
and they were filled with great fear.”

From ANGELS, we learn we _____ JOY!

Luke 2:10-12 (ESV)

“And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be
for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

From WISE MEN, we learn that JOY is worth our _____ !

Matthew 2:10-11 (ESV)

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the
Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him.”

Psalm 30:5 (NLT2)

“Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.”

John 16:20 (NASB)

“Truly, truly, I say to you...you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy.”

Psalm 148:13 (NLT2)

“Let them all praise the name of the LORD. For his name is very great;
his glory towers over the earth and heaven!”

From SIMEON, we learn that JOY comes by changing what
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Luke 2:34-35 (ESV)

“And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed... so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

From MARY, we learn that JOY comes after making a
_____!

Luke 1:46-48 (ESV)

“And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed...”

Luke 1:29-30 (ESV)

“But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”

Luke 1:38 (ESV)

“And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”
And the angel departed from her.”

Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)

“...looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 15:11 (ESV)

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”