

CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES
"JOYFUL, JOLLY HOLIDAYS"
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JOY DOES NOT COME FROM WHAT WE HAVE,
BUT FROM WHAT WE CANNOT LOSE.

Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV) *Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.*

FIVE TRUTHS ABOUT JOY

1. JOY IS HERE

Luke 2:8-12 (NLT) *⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."*

2. JOY IS SENT

Luke 2:10-12 (ESV) *¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."*

GOOD NEWS BECOMES GREAT JOY
WHEN IT BECOMES PERSONAL

3. JOY IS A JOURNEY

Matthew 2:10 (ESV) *"When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!"*

Psalms 30:5 (ESV) *"Crying may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning."*

John 16:20 (ESV) *"You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy."*

4. JOY IS SCARY

Luke 1:26-33 (ESV) *²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

5. JOY IS A DIFFICULT CHOICE

Luke 1:46-48 (ESV) *"Mary responded, 'Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.'"*

Luke 1:29-30 (ESV) *"Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 'Don't be afraid, Mary,' the angel told her, 'for you have found favor with God!'"*

John 15:11 (ESV) *"I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have and so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy."*