

Unwrapping the Gift of Joy

Luke 2:8-12

Four aspects of the good news of great joy...

1. It is a surprising message.

Luke 2:8-9 | ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

2. It is a sweeping message.

Luke 2:10 | ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

3. It is a saving message.

Luke 2:11 | ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

4. It is a substantiated message.

Luke 2:12 | ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”