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MORNING MESSAGE

“What if Jesus Had Never Been Born? – There Would be no Joy”

Luke 2:8-11

- I. THE MOMENT OF JOY (vv.8-9)
 - A. The hearers (v.8a)
 1. The first people to hear of Jesus’ birth were shepherds
 - B. The hour (v.8b)
 1. The text says this moment happened at night
 - a. Galatians 4:4, “But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law”
 - C. The heralds (v.9)
 1. The angels announced the birth of Jesus
- II. THE MESSAGE OF JOY (v.10)
 - A. The calm (v.10a)
 1. The first message of the angel was, “Fear not”
 - a. “Sore” translates the Greek word “megas”, which means large
 - b. “Afraid” translates the Greek word “phobeo”, which means frightened
 - B. The claim (v.10b)
 1. The angel called the message “good tidings” or “good news”
 - C. The consequence (v.10c)
 1. The message will result in “great joy”
 - a. “Great” is the same Greek word that is translated “sore” in verse 9
 - b. “Joy” translates the Greek word “chara”, which describes an inner delight, peace, or cheerfulness
- III. THE MEANS OF JOY (v.11)
 - A. The means of joy is personal (v.11a)
 1. Although “shepherds” is plural, “you” is singular
 - B. The means of joy is phenomenal (v.11b)
 1. Joy is available because of Jesus
 - a. His conception is phenomenal
 - b. His life is phenomenal
 - c. His death is phenomenal
 - C. The means of joy is particular (v.11c)
 1. Joy comes from one Person: a Savior, Christ the Lord