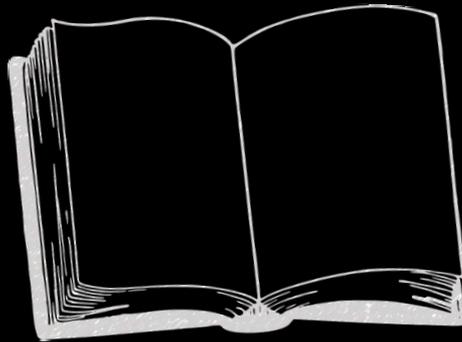




International Baptist Church Eindhoven

Your Christian Family Away From Home



BIBLE READING

Matthew 2: 10-11

Luke 2: 8-20

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2: 10-11



International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

LUKE 2:8-20



International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home

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

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

LUKE 2:8-20



International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

LUKE 2:8-20



International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

LUKE 2:8-20



International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

LUKE 2:8-20

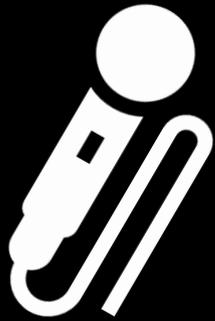


International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home



International Baptist Church Eindhoven

Your Christian Family Away From Home



3RD ADVENT: THE COMING OF JOY

Advent series 'Adoring Jesus' #3

Matthew 2: 10-11

Luke 2: 8-20

Speaker: Auke Riemstra

ARE YOU JOYFUL?

Life is tough

> > We need real and lasting joy



International Baptist Church Eindhoven

Your Christian Family Away From Home

THE JOY OF THE WISE MEN & THE SHEPHERDS

The wise men 'rejoiced exceedingly with
great joy'

Why?

> > because they found **THE** new
born **KING**



International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home

THE JOY OF THE WISE MEN & THE SHEPHERDS

The shepherds received 'good news of great joy' and 'returned glorifying and praising God'

What was the good news?

> > 'for unto you is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord'

> > Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace...'



TWO TYPES OF JOY/HAPPINESS

**Worldly
joy/happiness**

**Fragile
Situational
Conditional
Sometimes sinful**

**Joy/happiness from
God**

**Steady
Always present
Unconditional
Not depending in
circumstances**



C.S. LEWIS

‘the child that was so busy with his mud pies in a slum that he showed no interest in a holiday at the beach’

> > we are ‘far too easily pleased’ with the so fragile joys of the world



International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home

TWO TYPES OF JOY/HAPPINESS

Worldly joy/happiness

Loose lips – Prov. 29:22

Sexual immorality – 1
Cor. 6:18

Pursuit of wealth – Hebr.
13:5; Matt. 6:19; 1 Tim.
6:10

Fleeting pleasures of sin
– Hebr. 11:25

Joy/happiness from God

Fruit of the Spirit –
Gal. 5:22

Everlasting – Is. 35:10

Strength – Neh. 8:10

Hope – Rom. 15:13



THE GOSPEL BRINGS TRUE JOY

When the Gospel was spread in early church, joy followed >> Acts 8:8; 1 Thess. 1:6

And it is not the worldly version of it!

- Acts 5:41; 16:23-25 (beaten)
- Luke 6:22-23 (persecuted)
- Hebr. 10:34 (plundered)
- Coll. 1:24 (suffering)



THE SOURCE OF YOUR JOY

Our joy is paired with where we place
our hope

‘Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless until it finds
rest in Thee’ – Augustine of Hippo



International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home

JOY TO THE WORLD

**‘Joy to the world, the Lord has come’ –
Isaac Watts)**

Because:

‘... the Victor has come!



International Baptist Church Eindhoven
Your Christian Family Away From Home