



# JOY

LUKE 2:8-20

## Luke 2:9-11 <sup>NIV</sup>

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”





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**GOD'S PLAN FOR  
HIS PEOPLE IS...**

**JOY**

**Nehemiah 8:10b** NIV

...for the **joy** of the Lord is your strength.

**Nehemiah 12:43a** NIV

And on that day they offered great sacrifices,  
rejoicing because God had given them great **joy**.

**Psalms 16:11** NIV

You have made known to me the path of life; you  
will fill me with **joy** in your presence, with eternal  
pleasures at your right hand.

**Psalms 67:4a** NIV

May the nations be glad and sing for **joy**.

**Zephaniah 3:17b** NIV

[He] will **rejoice** over you with singing.









**1 Samuel 2:1** <sup>NIV</sup>

My **heart rejoices** in the Lord...for I **delight in your deliverance.**

**Psalms 95:1** <sup>NIV</sup>

Come, let us **sing for joy** to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the **Rock of our salvation.**

**Psalms 51:12a** <sup>NIV</sup>

Restore to me the **joy of your salvation...**





# Happiness

tied to a **happening** that  
is being experienced

# Joy

tied to a **longing** that  
is based in hope



Be joyful in hope...

Romans 12:12a <sup>NIV</sup>



“Our **bad** things turn out for good,  
our **good** things can never be lost, and  
the **best** things are yet to come.”



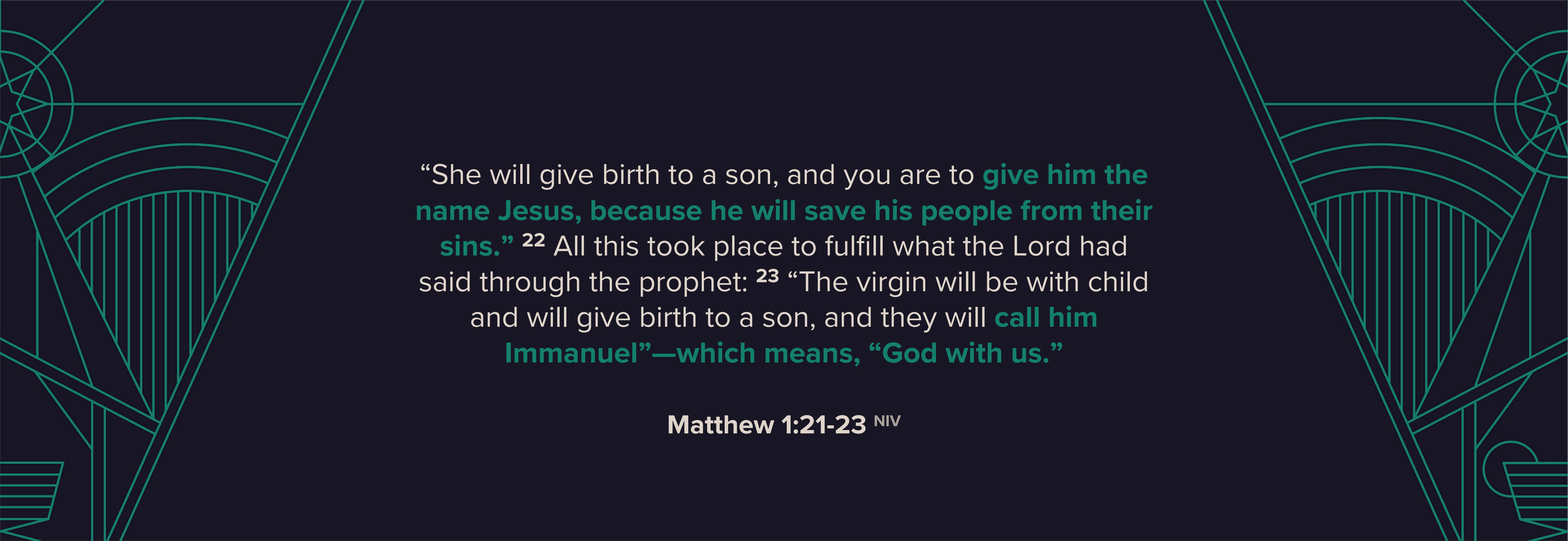
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JOY

is tied to the Presence of  
the **Promised Rescuer!**





“She will give birth to a son, and you are to **give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.**” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will **call him Immanuel**”—which means, “**God with us.**”

**Matthew 1:21-23** <sup>NIV</sup>



“God is so committed to your ultimate joy  
that he was willing to plunge into the greatest  
depths of suffering himself for you.”



**Tim Keller**  
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