

Life Application Notes

Week beginning 13th Dec 2020

The Arrival of Joy Part 3 - *'Joy to the World'*

Chris Kilby.

Opening Up.

'We have a global message for a global world'.

- Have you visited another nation?
- What was the spiritual climate there?
- Are there nations on your heart that you'd like to see impacted by the gospel?

Digging In

The Magi travelled to come and find Jesus.

- Can you remember who they were?
(Clues – translates as 'great ones' Most likely from the Media tribe of priests in Persia, who were skilled in medicine, philosophy and natural sciences – they studied the stars as astrologers.)
- What do they tell us about the relationship between science and Christian faith?
(clues – they are not mutually exclusive! Creation points to the creator, Science maybe answers some of the 'how' questions and scripture shows us the 'why'.)
- Are there any aspects of scripture that challenge your view of science, or aspects of science that seem to bring doubt rather than faith?

Herod rejected Jesus as the Messiah King.

- How to we help people who have previously rejected Jesus?
- How can we help people to see who he really is?
- Is there one thing you could do this week to help someone hear the truth about Jesus?

Rounding Off

There are still some 'Arrival of Joy' Christmas Cards to give out. Please ask for some before next week, and make sure you invite friends and family to hear Krish Kandiah and join in our Christmas Carols.

Please also pray that all those who come are impacted by the message, and that people will come to know Jesus this Christmas.