

VOICES FROM THE EDGE: "The Voice of an Angel and a Sign of Great Joy"

Luke 2:1-20

I. Intro: The time has come

II. As Luke shares the story of our Lord's birth, he invites us into startling

A. On this Christmas Eve night we meet another voice from the edge; a _____ of _____

But the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people." (Luke 2:10 NLT)

"And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12 NLT)

B. God's joy is great because it is not _____ by human _____

C. So often, when it comes to Christmas, we spend so much time wanting to make everything _____ when all we're invited to do is _____

Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. (James 1:17 NLT)

"And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21 NLT)

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