

Believe: Shout for Joy
Isaiah 52:8-9, Psalm 98, Luke 2:6-20

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What does shout of joy sound like to You?

Hallelujah? Praise the Lord? Thank you, Jesus? Merry Christmas?

“Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.” —Isaiah 52:9

“All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.” —Psalm 98:3a-4

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven ... a time to be silent and a time to speak.” —Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7b

1. Times of Silence.**Mary, the Mother of Jesus**

“But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” —Luke 2:19

“Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.” —Luke 2:51

Mary’s role was to raise and care for God’s Son.

Wisemen

“He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make careful search for the Child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” —Matthew 2:8

“And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.” —Matthew 2:12

Wisemen’s role was to worship the newborn King.

Those who were healed in Jewish territories

Matthew 8:4, the cleansed leper, don’t tell anyone but go show yourself to the priest.

Matthew 12:14-16, Pharisees were planning to destroy Jesus. Jesus healed many.

Mark 7:36, Jesus gave orders to a deaf mute who was healed to tell no one.

Mark 8:26, Jesus sent blind man, who was healed, home do not even enter the village.

Unclean Spirits

Mark 3:12, Jesus would not allow the unclean spirits to tell who he was.

Disciples before the Resurrection.

Mark 8:30, After Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ _____

Mark 9:9, After the Mount of Transfiguration _____

“He will not quarrel, or cry out; nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets, until he leads justice to victory and in his name the gentiles will hope.” —Matthew 42:19-21

2. Times of Speaking out.

Shepherds told everyone they met.

“When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.” —Luke 2:17

Demoniac from the land of the Gerasenes.

“Go home to your family and tell them.” —Mark 5:19-20

Disciples at the Triumphal Entry

“If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” —Luke 19:40

Mary at the Empty Tomb

“Go tell the disciples and Peter.” —Mark 16:7

Christians, the Great Commission

“Go into all the world and make disciples of every nation...” —Matthew 28:16-20

Christians after Pentecost

“When the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses...” —Acts 1:8

Disciples when arrested

“For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” —Acts 4:20

Paul, the missionary/evangelist

“Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!” —1 Corinthians 9:16

3. Who have you told, or will you tell?

“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 2:17

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