



BIG IDEA: Jesus came into the world to bring us great joy!

HUMANITY FELT ABANDONED AND WITHOUT JOY

- God had not spoken through His prophets for over 400 years.
- The period between Malachi and Matthew is silent.

JESUS' ARRIVAL (Luke 2:10)

- The angel's first words were: "Do not be afraid."
- The angel also said, "I bring you good news of great joy for all the people."
- He was to be called "Immanuel," which means "God with us."

JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO: (Luke 4:17-21)

- Preach the gospel to the poor.
- Proclaim release to the captives.
- Give recovery of sight to the blind.
- Set free those who are oppressed.
- Proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.

This is reason for great joy!

What is God saying to you today?

