

# **“JOY HAS DAWNED”**

## **CHRISTMAS 2013 OVERVIEW**

### **// TITLE //**

**JOY HAS DAWNED**

### **// KEY BIBLE VERSE //**

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**“GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE”**

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**“I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”**

*In Context*

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)

### **// SUMMARY BLURB //**

Australians love to pursue happiness. Yet so often these pursuits don't satisfy our deepest desires. The radical claim of Christianity is that, in the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, JOY HAS DAWNED! And this joy brings lasting satisfaction. Join us in Church this Christmas season to take hold of this happiness.

### **// THEME SONG //**

*JOY HAS DAWNED* by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend / ©Thankyou Music (ASCAP) 2004

A modern arrangement is available from Kings Kaleidoscope <http://marshill.bandcamp.com/track/joy-has-dawned>

### **// MEDIA PACKAGE //**

Included: main promo, background, title slide

## // TEACHING OVERVIEW //

This is how St Faith's will be teaching this series in the lead up to Christmas. Feel free to adapt for your context.

WK	DATE	TITLE	KEY SCRIPTURE	OTHER SCRIPTURE	SONG VERSE
1	Dec 7-8	<b>PROMISED FROM CREATION</b>  God's plans from creation to save the world through Jesus Christ.	<b>Isaiah 9:1-7</b>	<b>Genesis 3:15</b> Genesis 12:1-3 Isaiah 60:1-3 Luke 1:26-38	Joy has dawned upon the world <b>Promised from creation</b> God's salvation now unfurled Hope for every nation Not with fanfares from above Not with scenes of glory But a humble gift of love Jesus born of Mary
2	Dec 14-15	<b>VULNERABLE AND HELPLESS</b>  The wonder of the Incarnation: the Creator enters his creation and takes on human flesh.	<b>Luke 2:1-21</b>	Isaiah 7:13-17 Isaiah 9:6 John 1:1-3, 14 <b>Philippians 2:5-11</b> Colossians 1:15-16 Hebrews 1:1-3	Sounds of wonder fill the sky With the songs of angels As the mighty prince of life Shelters in a stable Hands that set the stars in place Shake the earth in darkness Cling now to a mother's breast <b>Vulnerable and helpless</b>
3	Dec 21-22	<b>GOLD, INCENSE AND MYRRH</b>  The gifts from the wise men reveal who Jesus is and point forward to why Jesus came.	<b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>	Isaiah 60:4-7 Psalm 72:11 Matthew 1:18-25 John 10:11-18 <b>1 Peter 1:17-21</b>	Shepherds bow before the Lamb Gazing at the glory Gifts of men from distant lands Prophecy the story <b>Gold:</b> a King is born today <b>Incense:</b> God is with us <b>Myrrh:</b> His death will make a way And by His blood he'll win us
4	Dec 24-25	<b>RECONCILING GOD AND MAN</b>  Jesus makes it possible for people to be in a restored relationship with their Creator.	<b>2 Cor 5:16-21</b>	<b>Matthew 1:18-25</b> Mark 10:45 John 15:13 Romans 5:10 Colossians 1:19-23 1 Timothy 2:1-7 1 John 4:14	Son of Adam, son of heaven Given as a ransom <b>Reconciling God and man</b> Christ our mighty champion What a savior what a friend What a glorious mystery Once a babe in Bethlehem Now the Lord of history

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