

CONTAGIOUS JOY – CHAPTER THREE

DIGGING DEEPER

Looking into the “before & verses” in our bible study

Job 20:1-6 Then Zophar the Naamathite replied: “My troubled thoughts prompt me to answer because I am greatly disturbed. ³I hear a rebuke that dishonors me, and my understanding inspires me to reply.⁴ “Surely you know ⁵that the mirth of the wicked is brief, the joy of the godless lasts but a moment.

Isaiah 9:1-4 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. This one may require some additional commentary study, I did not go in depth on this one.

Luke 1:1-15 Introduction Zechariah,- his wife Elizabeth – ⁶Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commands and decrees blamelessly.- ¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.

Luke 2:1-11 The Birth of Jesus -Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee - He went there to register with Mary, , the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Matthew 13:1-45 The Parable of the Sower – He (Jesus) got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. . ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.” -There are several parables here and after telling the parables, he explains what each one means. Good reading for your additional study time. THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS – THE PARABLE OF THE MUTARD SEED - THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

The Disciples’ Grief Will Turn to Joy- John 16:20 –(1-21)

²⁰Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

Matthew 28:1-9 Jesus Has Risen - Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead’ ⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples

Luke 24 Jesus Has Risen – Same as our previous verses basically

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” . ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them,

Acts 17:1-7 In Thessalonica

Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,³ explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead.

⁵ But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd.^[a] ⁶ But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here,