



On The Road to Christmas – David & Jesus

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A Man understands how King David leads the way to King Jesus.

December 13, 2018

Bible Verses: Acts 13:21; John 1:13, 14; Rev; 22:16; Romans 5:18, 19; I Cor 15:14-17; I John 4:4; John 7:5; Hebrews 5:8; Colossians 2:15; Rev; 2:15

Music: Jeremy Camp "Joy To The World"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=seXUGKVKMJg>

Video: Take the Challenge and try not to Cry Happy Tears Part 2
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Bible Verses – The Message

<p>Acts 13:21 – ²¹ But then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul, son of Kish, out of the tribe of Benjamin. After Saul had ruled forty years,</p> <p>John 1:13, 14 – ¹³ These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten, not flesh-begotten, not sex-begotten. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.</p> <p>Rev 22:16 - ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, sent my Angel to testify to these things for the churches. I'm the Root and Branch of David, the Bright Morning Star."</p> <p>Romans 5:18, 19 - ¹⁸ Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! ¹⁹ One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right.</p> <p>I Cor 15:14-17 - ¹⁴ And face it - if there's no resurrection for Christ, everything we've told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you've staked your life on is smoke and mirrors. ¹⁵ Not only that, but we would</p>	<p>be guilty of telling a string of barefaced lies about God, all these affidavits we passed on to you verifying that God raised up Christ - sheer fabrications, if there's no resurrection. ¹⁶ If corpses can't be raised, then Christ wasn't, because he was indeed dead. ¹⁷ And if Christ wasn't raised, then all you're doing is wandering about in the dark, as lost as ever.</p> <p>I John 4:4 - ⁴ My dear children, you come from God and belong to God. You have already won a big victory over those false teachers, for the Spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world.</p> <p>John 7:5 - ⁵ His brothers were pushing him like this because they didn't believe in him either.</p> <p>Hebrews 5:8 - ⁸ Though he was God's Son, he learned trusting-obedience by what he suffered, just as we do.</p> <p>Colossians 2:15 - ¹⁵ He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.</p> <p>Rev 2:15 - ¹⁵ And why do you put up with the Nicolaitans, who do the same thing?</p>
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**Joy to the World
Jeremy Camp**

<p>Joy to the World , the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing. Joy to the World, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;</p>	<p>While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy. No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,</p>	<p>Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.</p>
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