

**Series:** Christmas at the Movies, a study of the good news of great joy that is for all the people.

**Sermon:** “Isn’t it wonderful? I’m going to jail!”, Jesus gives us resilient joy.

**Primary texts:** Matthew 8:26; Acts 5:41-42; Luke 6:46-49; 2 Corinthians 4:6-18

**Discussion guide:**

- What is your favorite Christmas carol? Why?
- What aspect(s) of Christmas give you confidence?
- Read Matthew 8:23-27
  - Why does Jesus’ question seem a little absurd in v. 26?
  - What is the implication of Jesus’ question?
  - How is this actually good news for us?
- Read Acts 5:41-42
  - Why did the apostles rejoice?
  - How did their confidence in what Jesus has done for them play a role in their joy?
  - How did gratitude play a role in their joy?
  - How does knowing what Jesus has suffered for you give you a resilient joy?
- Read Luke 6:46-49
  - According to Jesus’ teaching here how does one know their house will withstand any storm?
  - What role does obedience play in this?
  - How does obeying Jesus produce resilient joy?
- Read 2 Corinthians 4:6-18
  - What is the treasure?
  - What is the jar of clay?
  - How does the treasure being in the jars of clay prove God’s power?
  - What does it mean to carry Jesus’ death in our body’s?
  - How does dying to sin (Romans 6), dying to the world (Colossians 2), dying to self (Luke 9) give us resilient joy?