

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?