

Joy We Can't See Yet
Christmas Joy – Part 3 of 5

Seven Sadnesses and Joys of Joseph

1st Sadness: A Broken Heart.

“Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph...did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.”
Matthew 1:18-19

1st Joy: A Word from God.

“An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.’”
Matthew 1:20-21

2nd Sadness: Unable to adequately provide for his family.

“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and 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.”
Luke 2:6-7

2nd Joy – Unexpected financial gifts.

“...Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”
Matthew 2:11

3rd Sadness – Watching his child in pain.

“When eight days had passed, Jesus’ parents circumcised him...”
Luke 2:21 (CEB)

3rd Joy: He names his son.

“...And he gave him the name Jesus.”
Matthew 1:25

4th Sadness: Ominous baby dedication

“...And sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your own heart.”
Luke 2:35 (GN)

4th Joy: Light to the nations.

“He is a light that will reveal salvation to the nations...”
Luke 2:32 (GW)

5th Sadness: Flight into exile.

“...Get up and flee to Egypt with the baby and his mother...”
Matthew 2:13 (LB)

5th Joy: God’s provision and protection.

“He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him.”
Proverbs 2:8 (NLT)

6th Sadness: Dangerous return from exile.

“But on the way he was frightened to learn that the new king was Herod’s son, Archelaus. Then, in another dream, he was warned not to go to Judea, so they went to Galilee instead.”
Matthew 2:22 (LB)

6th Joy: Family life.

“...They returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. There the child became a strong, robust lad...”
Luke 2:39-40 (LB)

7th Sadness: Lose their child in Jerusalem.

“When no one had seen the boy, Mary and Joseph rushed back to Jerusalem and searched for Him.”
Luke 2:45 (TV)

7th Joy: Finds Jesus in the Temple.

“...Look, your father and I have been searching for you, sorrowing.”
Luke 2:48 (NMB)

“...Faith is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.”
Hebrews 11:1 (TLB)