Jesus, Our Joy

Luke 2:10-11; Isaiah 12

"In that day..."

- From the time of Isaiah (700 B.C.), Israel looked forward to a time of salvation
- Salvation=
 - Not only freedom from oppression
 - oBut also, freedom from God's wrath (v. 1)
- Salvation leads to joy

Looking Back

- The Wells of Salvation (v. 3)
 - OThe Jews alive at the time of Jesus would look for that well
 - OJesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4; esp. v 10)
- Yeshua = "The LORD is Salvation"
 - ∘Yeshua = <u>Jesus</u>

Looking to His Birth

- Jesus fulfilled Isaiah 12:1-3
 He took away God's anger from us (Rom. 5:8-9)
- He saved us!

Right Now

- Jesus is fulfilling Isa. 12:3-6
 - ○He is still saving us
- He is fulfilling it through the Holy Spirit at work in us
 - •We are to tell the world about what Christ has done and is still doing

Looking Forward

• Isaiah 12:3-6 has a future aspect too (Rom. 14:11, ref. Isa. 45:23, cf. Phil 2:10)

So What?

- Do we know the joy that comes through salvation in Jesus?
- Are we joyously sharing it with others?

Meditation Verse: Luke 2:10-11