



## **The Gospel According to Christmas Carols: A 2020 Christmas Sermon Series**

**Big Idea:** After experiencing a year like 2020, how can we sing “Joy to the World” and mean it? In a world filled with political turmoil, social unrest, rampant unbelief, and sins of a most depraved nature; how can the Christian still rejoice? As we meditate on the classic Christmas Carol written by Isaac Watts, “Joy to the World,” we will also examine the psalm that inspired the hymnist to sing a new song of joy!

I. We can **Sing** Joyfully for Christ is **Savior** (vss. 1-3).

II. We can **Shout** Joyfully for Christ is **King** (vss. 4-6).

III. We can **Roar** Joyfully for Christ is **Judge** (vss. 7-9).

### **Scripture of the Week:**

*“He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, and they said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.’”*

**† Acts 1:9-11 †**

The Original Publishing of "Joy to the World" as found in  
*The Psalms of David : Imitated in the Language of the New Testament, and Apply'd to  
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PSALM XCVIII. *Second Part.*  
*The Messiah's Coming and Kingdom.*

I.

**J**OY to the World ; the Lord is come ;  
Let Earth receive her King :  
Let every Heart prepare him Room,  
And Heaven and Nature sing.

II.

Joy to the Earth, The Saviour reigns ;  
Let Men their Songs employ ;  
While Fields & Floods, Rocks, Hills & Plains  
Repeat the sounding Joy.

III.

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.

IV.

He rules the World with Truth and Grace,  
And makes the Nations prove  
The Glories of his Righteousness,  
And Wonders of his Love.

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