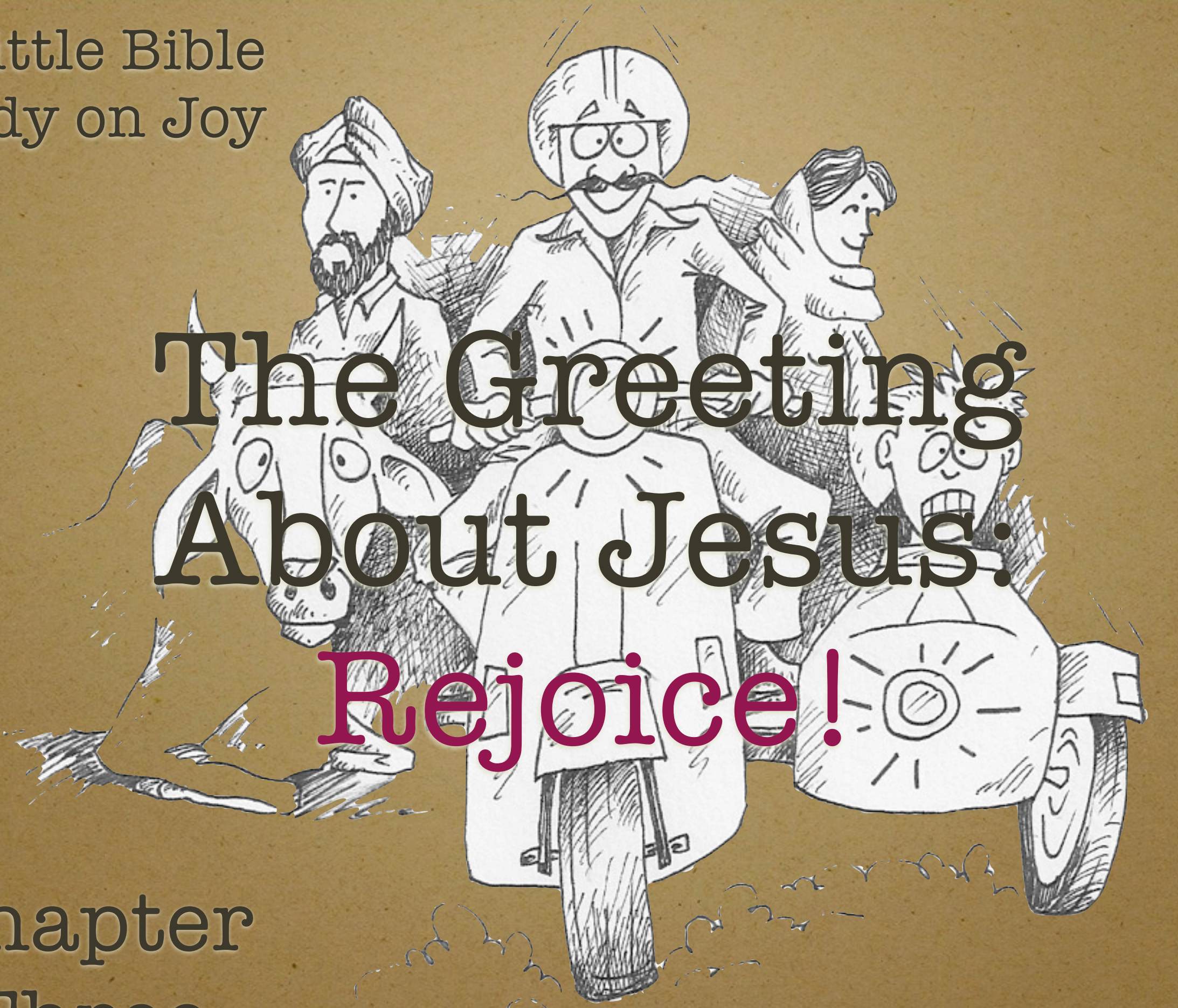


A Little Bible
Study on Joy



The Greeting
About Jesus:
Rejoice!

Chapter
Three

Recap from Last Week

- What is the most common name for the parable from last week, and what are some of the other names?
- What was the source of the Pharisee's joy?



Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

- LSB 515
- Sing stanzas one and four
- How does the author use the word joy or rejoice?



Into the Word

- Read Luke 1:28-30 and Matthew 28:9-10. How does the Lord's joy dispel and displace fear?



Joy and Grace

- Do you see any relationship between grace and joy? What is it?



Joy and Grace

- Most of the time in the New Testament when you see the word joy or related words (e.g. “rejoice”), it is either *chara* (“inner joy”) or *chairein* (“to rejoice”)
- Think of words in English like “charismatic”



Joy and Grace

- The root of that same word in Greek for **joy** (*chara*) is closely related to the Greek word for **grace** (*charis*)



“Hail” or “Rejoice”

Luke 1:26-38

J. McHugh, *The Mother of Jesus*, 38–39, notes, “The imperative form χαίρε, far from being a conventional greeting, always refers to the joy attendant on the deliverance of Israel; wherever it occurs, it is a translation of a Hebrew verb meaning ‘Rejoice greatly!’ ” (or “shout” for joy).



Recount the story

- What is the most joyous greeting **you** have ever had with another person?
- What made it so joyous?

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Fake Joy or Real Joy

- How did Judas feign joy in **Matthew 25:49-50**?
- How was Jesus mocked with words of joy in **Matthew 27:29-30**?
- The Holy Scriptures hold up Judas and the soldiers that we might see ourselves in them.
- Read **1Timothy 1:15-16**. How does this passage restore us to the joy of salvation?





G.K. Chesterton

“We do not want
joy and anger to
neutralize each
other and
produce a surly
contentment;
we want a
fiercer delight
and a fiercer
discontent.”



Christ in sinners

How does

Luke 2:9-11

illuminate Luther's bold declaration that

“Christ dwells only in sinners.” In light

of this, discuss

Pastor Harrison's observation that

“Only real sinners need a real Savior.”



Final Thought

“For He purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His Holy, Precious Blood...” The measure of my joy at being thus delivered is determined by the extent to which I am aware of the heinousness of my sin, the awful finality of death, and the baleful intention of the ancient foe of souls.”

Arthur Carl Piepkorn
[Una Sancta 7:1 (Advent 1946)]



