

In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be <u>for all the people</u> <sup>11</sup> Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the **Messiah**, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger." Luke 2:1-11 CSV

## **"GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE" - 3 WORDS**

## 1. JESUS CAME TO BE MY "SAVIOR" -

While he was trying to figure a way out, he had a dream. God's angel spoke in the dream: "Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to get married. Mary's pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God's Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus—'God saves'—because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:18-21 MP

There is only one God. There is also only one person who brings God and people together. That person is Christ Jesus, who became a man. <sup>6</sup> He died as a sacrifice <u>on behalf of all people</u>, to pay the debt of their sins. He died at the proper time for God to show his purpose clearly. <sup>7</sup> God chose me as his apostle, to tell this same message to people. I am telling you what is true. I am not telling lies! Yes, he sent me to teach his true message to the Gentiles, so that they would believe in him. **1 Timothy 2:5-7** EEB

## 2. JESUS CAME TO BE MY "MESSIAH" -

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. ....<sup>16</sup> When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for <u>he has anointed me to</u> bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, <sup>19</sup> and that the time of the LORD's favor has come." Luke 4:14-19 NLT

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## 3. JESUS CAME TO BE MY "LORD" -

"So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!" <sup>37</sup> Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:36-38 NLT

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, <sup>[a]</sup> that we should no longer be slaves to sin—<sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.,, <sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:1-7, 11-14 NIV

For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life. John 3:16 AMPC

Additional Notes:	Reflecting on todays message
	What touched my heart?
	What is God asking me to do?
	What should I change this week?
	Who else needs to hear this message?