

CHRISTMAS



Good News of
Great Joy

Luke 2:8-14 – Good News

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Good News is **Great Joy**

Bethlehem Hills



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Gospel of Caesar?

- Whenever the great deeds of Augustus were proclaimed, they were presented with the Greek term euangelion, which is translated, "good news" or, "gospel". An inscription that was discovered from the first century reads, "The beginning of the gospel of Caesar Augustus"
- Caesar demanded worship as well as "secular" obedience; not just taxes, but sacrifices.
- Caesar, by being a servant of the state, had provided justice and peace (PAX ROMANA) to the whole world. He was therefore to be hailed as Lord, and trusted as Savior.



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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end. (Isaiah 9:6–7).

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1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

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Rick Warren: “Your ministry is your service to believers, and your mission is your service to unbelievers.”

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Matthew 24

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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