

Did You Know?

Why Jesus Is Good News

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The message of Christmas is supposed to be truly good news. If it was, you'd think more people would lean in. So what has happened?

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- ...but the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” | Luke 2, vv.10-11
 - When it comes to Christmas and Christianity, people wonder if it's true, and if it's good.
 - “The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it.” | Luke 16, v.16
 - The gospel means “good news.”
 - When people hear good news, they usually lean in and hope it's true.
 - Good news = Jesus offers forgiveness.
 - “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” | Luke 5, v.32
 - Following Jesus won't just make your life better; it will make you better at life.
 - If the gospel is good news and people usually lean into good news, then what happened? We happened—too many Christians are content to believe but not follow.
 - “Follow me.” | Luke 5, v.27
 - You can believe and stay where you are. Following takes action.
 - We can “rebrand” Christianity by following Jesus and helping people see the good news.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your favorite part of this time of year? What is your least favorite?
2. The gospel means “good news.” When people hear good news, they're usually compelled to lean in. What aspects of Jesus and the gospel have made you lean into faith?
3. Forget what other Christians are doing—how much do people see and experience the good news of the gospel demonstrated in your life? In what ways do you think your life exhibits the good news? In what ways could it improve?
4. If you had to sum up for someone why you follow Jesus (or why you're interested), what would you say?