

# Revealing Christmas: Good News not Good Advice

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. **Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)**

## GOOD ADVICE

- Accepting GOOD ADVICE \_\_\_\_\_

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

**Proverbs 12:15 (NIV)**

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. **James 1:16 (NIV)**

## Preparation for the GOOD NEWS

Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah. **Matthew 1:17 (NIV)**

Three things to learn before the GOOD NEWS is proclaimed:

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- GOOD NEWS was \_\_\_\_\_

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!' **Isaiah 40:9 (NIV)**

- GOOD NEWS \_\_\_\_\_

For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. <sup>21</sup>She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus - because he will save his people from their sins."

**Matthew 1:20-21 (GNT)**

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free. **Luke 4:18 (NIV)**

- GOOD NEWS \_\_\_\_\_

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid" **Luke 2:10 (NIV)**

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)**

- GOOD NEWS \_\_\_\_\_

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

**Luke 2:10 (NIV)**

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith. **Philippians 1:25 (NIV)**

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. **1 Thessalonians 1:6 (NIV)**

*Additional Notes:*