

Luke
See Jesus
Why Is Jesus Such Good News?
Luke 1:26-45

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Why is the birth of Jesus such good news for us?

I. You Need a Savior to Save You

Luke 1:31 "...and you shall call His name Jesus."

Matthew 1:21 "...You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

The founder of every other religion says, "I'm from God and I'm here to tell you what you must do to save yourselves." In Christianity, God sends His Son—not to tell us what to do—but to do for us what we could never do for ourselves.

The choice today is not really between Jesus and every other religion. The choice is between Jesus being your Savior and you trying to save yourself. That makes Christianity the most realistic religion. Only Christianity recognizes the depth of our sin problem that requires a Savior to save us.

II. You Need a King to Reign Over You

Luke 1:32-33 "...God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Revelation 19:11-16 "Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

The most important question today is: Will you bow before King Jesus and start living for the glory of His kingdom instead of your own?

When you submit yourself to His Kingdom instead of your own, you will have joy, peace, and a sense of purpose like you've never had before.

III. You Need a God Who Comes Down to You

Luke 1:35 “And the angel answered her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God.’”

The Most High became the most low when He took on flesh to be born as a baby.

The fact that the Most High would become one of us in order to save us is what makes Him so great because no other religion has a God who comes down to us.

Christianity has no compulsory pilgrimage, no hoops to jump through, and no boxes to check because the pilgrimage has already been made – God came down to us!

IV. You Need a Peace that Will Transform You from the Inside Out

Luke 1:45 “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

If you believe this good news about who Jesus is and what He came to do for you, you will be blessed.

The biblical word “blessed” has the idea of full “shalom” - or peace that restores you in every way and brings you back to full human functioning.

You will never be a fully self-actualized human being until you come into a relationship with your creator God through His son, Jesus Christ.

When you believe in Jesus Christ, you get a new identity and you’re able to see the reality of what matters most. This world gets reframed against the backdrop of eternity so that you can start living for more than just right here, right now.

If you’re thinking “I wish I had faith like you, but I don’t”...

Faith is not some kind of feeling that you wait for and it doesn’t just hit you. It starts with thinking, wrestling, and reading God’s Word as you consider who Jesus is and what He’s done for you. And based on that, you choose to submit your will to a higher one and say “I choose to trust in You.”

Every single human being has faith. It’s just that you’re placing it in yourself or something or someone else instead of Jesus.

Who or what are you trusting in? Where are you putting your hope?