

I Was There: Perspectives of Christmas Good News of Great Joy

Luke 2:10-14

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1. The Angels are key players in the accounts of the Bible regarding the birth of Jesus.
2. What do people say about angels today?
3. Why do you think people are drawn to Angels?
4. What do you know about Angels? Share your knowledge, but make sure you can back it up with Scripture.

READ: Luke 2:10-14

Who needs this good news of great joy?

READ: Matthew 1:1-16

Look at some of the names listed and recall their stories. Did they need good news?

As we review Jesus' genealogy, we see many who needed to hear good news of great joy. Jesus' ancestors were swindlers, harlots, daughters of incest, adulterers, exiles, prisoners; casualties of sin and death, one and all. Even in Jesus' genealogy there were not many who were wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble. We all need the good news!

READ: Luke 2:10

1. To whom does the announcement apply?

The angels tell us that, when it comes to saving sinners, the God of the Bible is partial to no nationality, language, status, or other distinction that we make.

READ: Luke 2:11, Isaiah 9:6

2. What do the angels announcement tell us about Jesus?

The angels celebrated "glory to God" (Luke 2:14) in their birth announcements for Jesus. The angels tell us that in Jesus the goodness of God has been revealed.

READ: Colossians 1:19-20, Hebrews 1:3

1. Why should we say "glory to God" when remembering the birth of Jesus?
2. Does God's pleasure rest on you? If so, explain.

This Christmas, be sure to share the joy of the angels, but share it in the knowledge that by grace through faith Jesus has saved you from your sins.

Who are you praying for to invite to our Christmas Services this year? Name them to the group.

Commit to prayer for your named person and take action by inviting them to our services.