AND THERE WERE SHEPHERDS LIVING OUT IN THE FIELDS NEARBY, KEEPING WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCKS AT NIGHT. AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO THEM, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM, AND THEY WERE TERRIFIED. BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT BE AFRAID. LBRING YOU GOOD NEWS THAT WILL CAUSE GREAT JOY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. TODAY IN THE TOWN OF

LUKE 2:8-12

DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS THE MESSIAH, THE LORD. THIS WILL BE A SIGN TO YOU: YOU WILL FIND A BABY WRAPPED IN CLOTHS AND LYING IN A MANGER."

LUKE 2:8-12



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### LUKE 2

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HOW BEAUTIFUL ON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS, WHO PROCLAIM PEACE, WHO BRING GOOD TIDINGS, WHO PROCLAIM SALVATION, WHO SAY TO ZION, "YOUR GOD REIGNS!" LISTEN! YOUR WATCHMEN LIFT UP THEIR VOICES: TOGETHER THEY SHOUT FOR JOY. WHEN THE LORD RETURNS TO ZION, THEY WILL SEE IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES. BURST INTO SONGS OF JOY TOGETHER,

ISAIAH 52:7-10



YOU RUINS OF JERUSALEM, FOR THE LORD HAS COMFORTED HIS PEOPLE, HE HAS REDEEMED JERUSALEM. THE LORD WILL LAY BARE HIS HOLY ARM IN THE SIGHT OF ALL THE NATIONS, AND ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD.







THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON ME, BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM TO THE CAPTIVES AND RELEASE FROM DARKNESS FOR THE PRISONERS, TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR AND THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD, TO COMFORT ALL WHO MOURN...

ISAIAH 61:1-2





WHEN THE GOSPEL HAS BECOME BAD NEWS TO THE POOR, TO THE OPPRESSED, TO THE BROKEN-HEARTED AND IMPRISONED, AND GOOD NEWS TO THE PROUD, SELF-RIGHTEOUS AND PRIVILEGED INSTEAD, IT IS NO LONGER THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

#### BETH MOORE





NOW, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I WANT TO REMIND YOU OF THE GOSPEL I PREACHED TO YOU, WHICH YOU RECEIVED AND ON WHICH YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR STAND. BY THIS GOSPEL YOU ARE SAVED, IF YOU HOLD FIRMLY TO THE WORD I PREACHED TO YOU. OTHERWISE, YOU HAVE BELIEVED IN VAIN. FOR WHAT I RECEIVED I PASSED ON TO YOU AS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE: THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-5



ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, THAT HE WAS BURIED, THAT HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, AND THAT HE APPEARED TO CEPHAS, AND THEN TO THE TWELVE.





#### THE GOSPEL:

# GOD, THROUGH JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION, IS RECONCILING ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF.





IN PREMODERN, AGRARIAN SOCIETIES, THESE FOUR GROUPS HAD NO SOCIAL POWER. THEY LIVED AT SUBSISTENCE LEVEL AND WERE ONLY DAYS FROM STARVATION IF THERE WAS ANY FAMINE, INVASION, OR EVEN MINOR SOCIAL UNREST. TODAY THIS QUARTET WOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE REFUGEE, THE MIGRANT WORKER, THE HOMELESS, AND MANY SINGLE PARENTS AND ELDERLY PEOPLE.

#### TIMOTHY KELLER





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