## Christmas: IT'S ALL GOOD

#### MESSAGE ONE: Better Than True

#### IS IT TRUE?



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## **IS IT TRUE?**

#### IS IT GOOD?



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Luke 2: 10 NIV





**GREAT JOY** 

FOR ALL PEOPLE

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#### THE GOSPEL

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**GOOD STORY** 

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**GOOD NEWS** 



*"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 (all people are) forcing there way (leaning) into it."* 

Luke 16: 16 NIV



#### COMPELLING

#### WORTH TELLING



Many (people) have undertaken to draw up an account of the things (events) that have been fulfilled among us, ... Luke 1: 1 NIV



#### Why so many?

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Something significant happened.

Something good happened.

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... just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were evewitnesses and servants of the word (Jesus). With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you most excellent Theophilus (lover of God), so that you may know the certainty (truth) of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1: 2-4 NIV



## HOW GOOD?



"Young man, your sins are forgiven." But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, "Who does he think he is? That's blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your heart? Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

Luke 5: 20-24 NLT



## HOW GOOD?



*"Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him (Jesus). Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor – sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous,* 

but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

Luke 5: 27-32 NLT



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#### DO GOOD



"... do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If you love those who love you ... ... if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you (unremarkable)? ... But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting anything back. ... and you will be children of the Most High (God), because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Luke 6: 27-36 NIV



#### BELIEVE

FOLLOW



# BE RIGINE - Serve - Love

2020 Generosity Campaign

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation ..., so that they may take hold of life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-18 NIV







#### 2020 GOAL: \$10,000

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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: 10-11 NIV



## Is Christianity good?



#### **3 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

- What does the fact that Luke and "many" others documented the life of Jesus imply?
- 2. Read Luke 6: 27-36. What stands out to you?
- 3. In what ways has the church made the good news not so good? In what ways have you made the good news not so good?

