

5 Reasons... ...Christmas is ...Good News

Luke 2:1-14



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8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Good News

A stack of newspapers is shown in the background, slightly out of focus. The top newspaper has the word 'EXTRA!' printed twice in large, bold, black letters. Below that, the words 'GOOD NEWS!!' are printed in a very large, bold, black font. The newspapers are stacked on top of each other, creating a sense of depth.

Jesus was Born

- **Not to sell cards and merchandise**

He Came as Our...

- **Kinsman Redeemer**

- **Daysman**

oIt started at the Manger and Finished at the Cross

oChrist- Mass

This is Good News ...

Because it Attacks Fear (10)

Fear Can Be...

- Normal
- Healthy
- Protective

The Fear Mentioned Here...

- Unrealistic
- Unnecessary
- Unproductive

“Phobos = Phobia”

Fear vs. Phobia

A fear can be explained as a normal response to genuine danger.

A phobia is a “marked and persistent fear that is excessive or unreasonable, cued by the presence or anticipation of a specific object or situation.”

Because It Attacks...

...with the Weapon of Joy (10)

**DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR BEHOLD,
I BRING YOU**

Notice the Bible doesn't say great happiness – it says JOY.

• **Happiness Comes And Goes** = *surroundings = happenings*

◦ **BUT JOY Endures** = *surrounded = Relationship*

Joy = *full of cheerfulness – Calm Delight*

◦ **The Daysman was Here**

• *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law – Gal 5:22-23*

Because It is for Everybody (10)

Everybody

- **It is good news for everyone; red yellow black or white.**
- **Everyone regardless of age, gender, height or shortness, educational level, the whosoever wills/ the whosoever wont's**
- **This is Good News it's for everyone.**

Because It Includes Me (11)

This is about God's Christmas Present to Me

- Do you know what – God so loved me that he sent his son – that if I believe in him I will not perish – but I'll have Eternal Life.**

2 Things About Spirituality

#1- I Have to Take Care of Me

#2- I Can Give What I Do Not Have

Salvation Comes to Individuals...

...Jesus is Our Personal Savior

Because It Is About a Savior (11)

If You Have a...

- **plumbing problem – you need a plumber.**
- **car problem – you need a mechanic.**
- **electrical problem - you need an electrician.**

But We have a Sin Problem...

...We need a Savior= “Sozo” = Deliverer- Safe- Protector

...that is What God Sent.

...Jesus Who is the Christ.

That’s the Good News!

The Sky Filled with Host (13)

They Couldn't Hold Back...

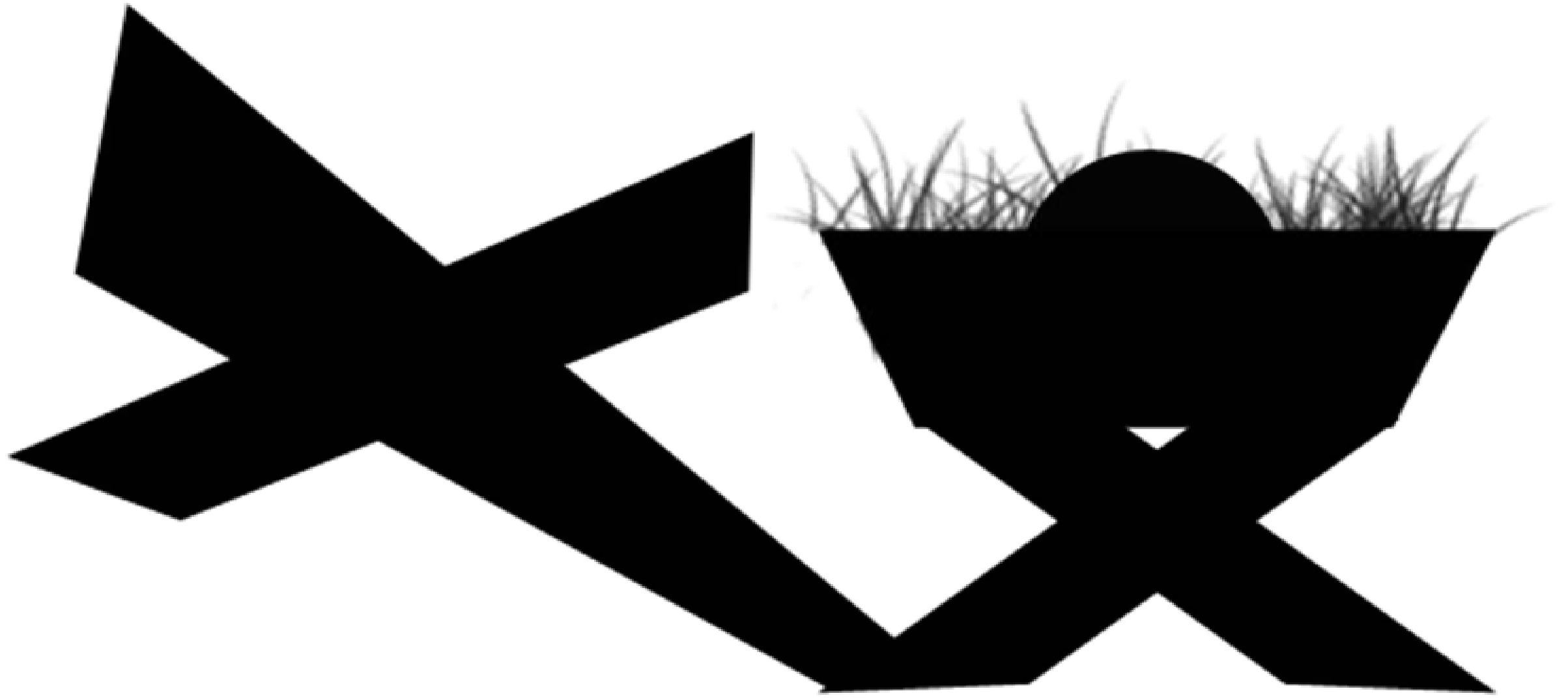
...They Were About to Burst at the Seams!!!

“Glory to God in the highest (Praise! Exalt Him!)

...and on earth Peace (Join together what was separated)

***...good will toward men” (those who have allowed God to Affect
their Attitudes)***

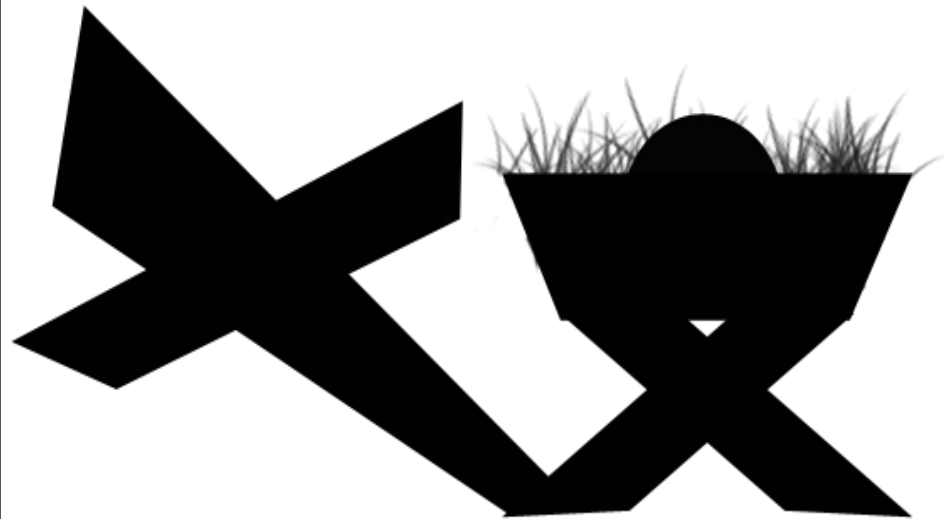
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IS ALWAYS A CROSS

- **Fear -phobos**
- **Behold -stop -look- listen**
- **Good -Good News! -Change your focus**
- **Joy-** (chairo); *cheerfulness*, i.e. *calm delight* :- gladness, × greatly, (× be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).
- **BORN- God is DOING a NEW Thing**
- **Saviour-** (sozo); a *deliverer*, i.e. God or Christ :- saviour.
from- from a primary **sos** (contracted for obsolete **saos**, “safe”); to *save*, i.e. *deliver* or *protect* (literal or figurative) :- heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.
- **Christ-anoined**, i.e. the *Messiah*, an epithet of Jesus :- Christ. -to smear with oil
- **Suddenly -the Heavens could not hold back and longer!**
- **Multitude** -(pletho); a *fulness*, i.e. a *large number, throng, populace* :- bundle, company, multi
- **Glory-**
- **Highest-**
- **Peace-** primary verb **eiro** (to *join*); *peace* (literal or figurative); by implication *prosperity* :- one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again.- - He came to us in order that we could go to him
- **Earth-**
- **Good will-** compound of [<G2095>](#) (eu) and the base of [<G1380>](#) (dokeo); *satisfaction*, i.e. (subject) *delight*, or (object) *kindness, wish, purpose* :- desire, good pleasure (will), × seem good
- **Fr-**
- **Toward-**
- **Men**

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Luke 2:8-11



