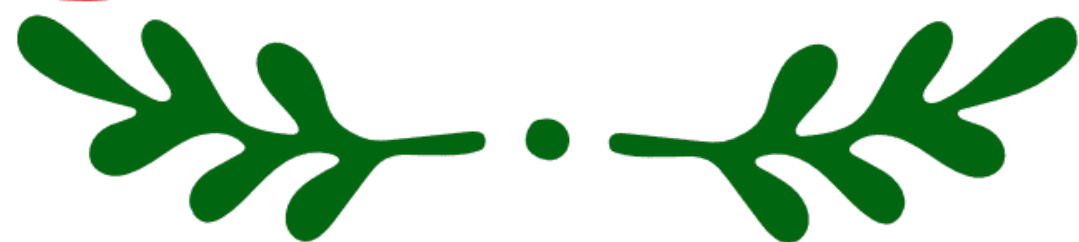


Has **Christmas** lost its meaning?





SEASON'S
GREETINGS



*Season's
Greetings*

MAY THE HOLIDAY SEASON
BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES
AND AN ABUNDANCE OF GOOD
TIMES



What we have...

Things that are fun

Things that are nice

Things that are cute

What we need...

Something that is meaningful

Something that is wonderful

Something that is glorious



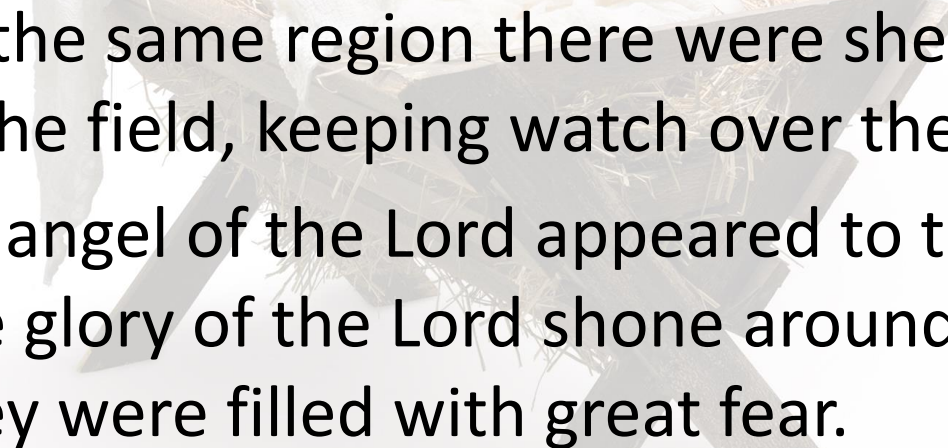
**Luke Chapter 2,
verses 8 to 14**

Meaningful

Wonderful

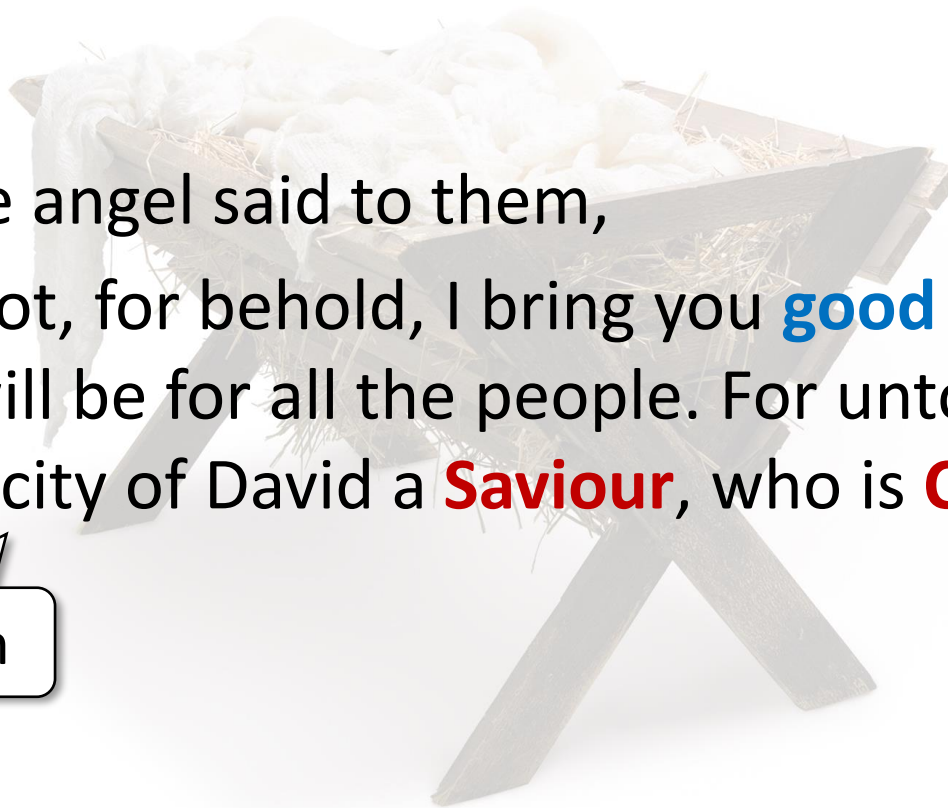
Glorious

Luke Chapter 2, verses 8 to 14



And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

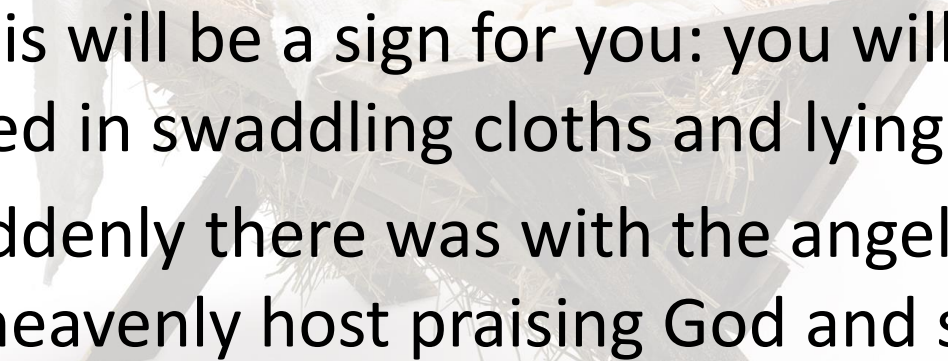
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And the angel said to them,
“Fear not, for behold, I bring you **good news of great joy**
that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a **Saviour**, who is **Christ the Lord.**”

Bethlehem

Luke Chapter 2, verses 8 to 14



“And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

*“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those
with whom He is pleased!”*



**What's it
all about?**

Common ground...

Two truths:

1. God is good
2. Humanity is suffering

Common ground...

Two truths:

1. God is good

- He must be good
- We see His goodness in the creation
- His goodness is revealed in Scripture

2. Humanity is suffering

- We suffer because of **sin**
- We suffer because of **nature**
- We suffer because of **death**

**God
is good**

**Humanity
is suffering**

What is the answer?

**God so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son...**

(John 3:16)



God so loved the world...

Good news of great joy!

- ✓ The **Saviour** is born!
- ✓ He is the **Christ** (Messiah)!
- ✓ He is the **Lord**!



God so loved the world...

To become flesh
and blood.

The wonder of incarnation

- ✓ His humility
- ✓ His love for the world
- ✓ The purpose in His coming



God so loved the world...

The glory of His life

- ✓ He shared our sorrows
- ✓ He lived a faultless perfect life
- ✓ He revealed the truth of God



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should not perish but have eternal life.

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The Son of Man must be delivered
into the hands of sinful men and
be crucified and on the third day rise.

(Luke 24:7)



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