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**Luke 2:6-14**

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**Luke 2:6-14**

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# BEHOLD

It's a word not used very much in our frantic world these days.  
The word "Behold" means more than what you might think.

Noah Webster's 1828

**BEHOLD**, v.t. pret. and pp. beheld' [L.observo, from servo, to keep.]

1. To fix the eyes upon; to see with attention; to observe with care. To "Behold" the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. To gaze upon; to direct the eyes to an object.

**The Greeks** taught that it meant to stare at or to gawk at. To be single-eyed about something.

**The Hebrews** meant it to mean – to fill up the eye with the vision of a person or place or object

## BEHOLD THE MESSAGE OF GOD - CHRISTMAS

### 1.) Behold the **Message** of God

**Messaging Is a Big Deal. By It We Communicate - -**

Purpose, meaning, concept, information, influence, passion,

The **Validity** of the **Written Word** // The **Validation** of the **Living Word**

## BEHOLD THE **MESSAGE** OF GOD

### 1a.) God's message is - **Forever**

There is something about "Forever" that is locked in our souls.  
We talk about **loving each other forever**. We **dream about good times never ending**. We wish that **this moment would last forever**.  
We have even gone so far to have searched for **the fountain of youth**.

# GOD'S MESSAGE IS FOREVER - ETERNAL

## Verse 6-7

### Luke 2:6-14

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## Unlike Any Other Son in History

### Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a **Child is born**, Unto us a **Son is given**;  
And the **government will be upon His shoulder**. And **His Name** will be called Wonderful, **Counselor**, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace.

### 1 John 5:20

And we know that the **Son** of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His **Son** Jesus Christ. This is the true God and **eternal life**.

### Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His **Son's** name, If you know?

**The Bible teaches that the God of the Bible** - has always had His message, in-the-waiting, in the wings of eternity waiting, waiting, waiting....

### Galatians 4:4

But when **the fullness of the time had come**, God sent forth His **Son**, born of a woman, born under the law,

### Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of villages of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me **The One to be Ruler in Israel**, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting."

The message of mankind and his creation, his fall and his redemption has always been in the heart of God.

But why would God allow us to have ever existed knowing our fall?  
***Because the Christmas Gospel shouts - His Intent = Relational***

Why would God tolerate man's rebellion and rejection of Himself?  
***Because the Christmas Gospel shouts - His Nature = Grace***

Why wouldn't God write a better story than things?  
***Because the Christmas Gospel shouts - His Character = Love.***

## BEHOLD THE **MESSAGE** OF GOD

### 1b.) God's message is - **Fitted**

The value that is placed upon things that are customized.  
Things that are personalized send a message of uniqueness and being  
"One of a Kind"

#### **Verse 10-11**

##### **Luke 2:10-11**

**:10** Then the angel said to them, ***"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.***

##### **Philippians 2:5c-8**

Christ Jesus, **:6** who, being in **the form of God**, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **:7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking **the form of a bondservant**, and coming in the likeness of men. **:8** And being found in **appearance as a man**, He humbled Himself and became obedient to **the point of death**, even the death of the cross.

##### **1Timothy 2:5-6**

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, **:6** who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in **due** time

**Exodus 3:14**

And God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.**” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’ ”

**hayah**, *haw-yaw*; the One Who exists. to exist, to be or to become what is needed, to pertain, to be relevant to the need.

**BEHOLD THE MESSAGE OF GOD**

**1c.) God’s message is – Radical**

**vv.9-13**

**Luke 2:9,13**

:9 And behold, **an angel of the Lord** stood before them, and **the glory of the Lord** shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. :10 Then **the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid...** :13 And suddenly there was **with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host** praising God...

**1 Timothy 3:16**

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, **Seen** by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

**God’s Message Is - Radical**

**Romans 1:2-4**

God promised before **through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures**, (*the old testament*) :3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, :4 *and declared to be the Son of God...*

**Micah 5:2**

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting.”

**This Is Radical**

### Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by His **Son**,

### John 1:1-3,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God. :3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made... :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

## That Is Radical

## BEHOLD THE **MESSAGE** OF GOD

1d.) God's message is – **Redemption**

v.11

## The Need of Redemption Is Rooted in Every One of Us.

There is not a Human Being that does not seek after, cope with, long for redemption and the benefits redemption brings. – To restore / repair / to try again,

### Luke 2:11

:11 *For there is born to you this day  
in the city of David a **Savior**, who is **Christ***

### Romans 5:6

For when we were still without strength,  
in due time Christ died **for** the ungodly.

This Is What's Wrong With The Christmas Story... It's The Sin Factor

## “**Stop Christmas Campaigns**”

(That baby in a manger makes people nervous. What's with the wisemen, and this big scary Bible telling the story – and Jesus, His name, His life, His cross.)  
no other **faith**, **religion**, belief **system** generates a reaction –  
truth does that !!!

**John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**John 10:9**

Jesus said I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

**BEHOLD THE MESSAGE OF GOD**

**1e.) God's message is - Public**

**Luke 2:7-9**

:7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, **and laid Him in a manger**, because there was no room for them in the inn. :8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. :9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them...

The heavens declared it // The creation confirms it  
The angels announced it // The world knows it.

**John 18:19-21**

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. :20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. :21 Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."

**John 12:32-33**

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." :33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

The Things Written In The Bible Are Both  
PROFOUNDLY PUBLIC AND PERSONAL

## BEHOLD THE MESSAGE OF GOD

### 1f.) God's message is - Personal

He has / is called out to you personally

Luke 2:10-12

:10 Then the angel said to them, *"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring YOU good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :11 For there is born to YOU this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. :12 And this will be the sign to YOU ..."*

Any Message is Only as Good as It's Origin.  
The Gospel, The Christmas Message is The Heart of God Himself.

## The Invitation to Prodigals

## The Invitation to The Lost The Christmas...

## >>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

*Come Forward for Prayer*

*End of Study*

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