



Open the Gift

Part 1: Good News

Text: Luke 2:8-20 | John 1:14

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The angel appeared and _____ declared what had happened and what was going to happen.

- Genesis 3:15 Seed of a woman
- Isaiah 7:13, 14 Virgin birth
- Deuteronomy 18:18 Prophet like Moses
- 2 Samuel 7:12 Line of David
- Isaiah 4:2 Branch of the Lord
- Isaiah 9:6 Mighty God
- Micah 5:2 Born in Bethlehem
- Psalm 72:10, 11 Kings bring Him gifts

If we look at the _____ of the angel, we can see that our Savior is still fulfilling what was proclaimed.

- Good News
- Great joy
- We will have favor

John 1:1, 14

Let's look at the Good News that manifested on the earth. He came to establish peace and cause favor to rest upon all of us who accept what He has given.

- The invisible became visible
- He could be a mediator between God and man
- God in the flesh could die
- God in the flesh experienced our weakness
- God set an example that He will help us carry out

The Word became flesh and manifested all that was in the heart of God. Through the Law, the justice of God was shown, but through the Grace of

Jesus, it was _____ so we could know God in a more complete way.

- John 4:50 Go your way and be healed
- John 5:8 Arise and go
- John 11:43 Lazarus come forth
- Matthew 8:8 Your servant is whole
- Luke 1:31, 38 You will have a son

Exodus 25:21, 22 | Exodus 40:34, 35 | Numbers 11: 24, 25 | 1 Kings 8:10, 11
The Old Testament shows us what the manifestation of the Word looks like, but it never had a permanent dwelling place.

Ezekiel 10:18-20

Luke 2:11

The shepherds saw a baby because they only saw the flesh. But, what was really inside that baby was God Himself. God was incarnate and dwelling among us and He was Immanuel.

Savior: Deliverer, protector, healer, preserver, make whole, and do well

Christ: Messiah, and anointed one

Lord: Supreme in authority, controller, master, and God

John 14:16

God is still living among us and causing the Word to manifest in each of our lives.

Matthew 18:20 | Matthew 28:20 | Mark 16:20

D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. What do you think went through the hearts of the shepherds as they saw Jesus?
2. Discuss the statements under John 1:1, 14.
3. Discuss the concept of the Word becoming flesh in the verses on healing.
4. After you read about the visitation of the Lord in His temple, discuss His presence manifesting in our presence.
5. Discuss the scriptures under John 14:16.