

Good News for All People

Jesus' Birth and Death

Galatians 4:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

I. The Gospel is Good News

- ❖ The Gospels are not the beginning of a "new faith" or a "new story"
- ❖ They are the fulfillment of the story we have been following since Genesis

A. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Mosaic Law

- ❖ why would you fulfill something to discard it

Matthew 5:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Romans 10:4 (NASB)

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

B. Jewish people did not fail

- ❖ They delivered a messiah
- ❖ They gave us the prophets
- ❖ They gave us the scriptures
- ❖ They gave us the covenants

Romans 9:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Revelation 21:12 (NIV)

¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

II. Jesus' Birth and Death ---essential aspects of His story

A. Jesus' Birth --- the incarnation.

Luke 1:30-33 (NIV)

³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

John 1:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

B. Jesus' Death ---the crucifixion & resurrection

1. Condemned to death by Pilate, the Roman governor

John 19:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

2. Raised to life again

Luke 24:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

3. Redemption

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- ❖ What you choose to believe about the person of Jesus of Nazareth will determine the outcome of your life ---in time & in eternity.