

Nightly News  
Luke 2:10-11

When we think of nightly news, it usually isn't good news is it!

"Why does the evening news start with 'Good Evening' and then proceed to tell you everything wrong in the world?"

Unknown (SearchQuotes)

"Why does the evening news start with 'Good Evening' and then they proceed to tell you why it isn't."

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**The good news was that we need not \_\_\_\_\_ any more!**

\_\_\_\_\_ had stalked mankind throughout the centuries.

Adam and Eve hid in the Garden of Eden because they were naked and \_\_\_\_\_. Gen 3:8-10

Abraham was \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_. Gen.12:11-13

Jacob was \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 32:6-8

Moses was \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Exodus 4:1

Nation of Israel was \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Num 14:1-4

Faith is the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_...we are saved by our faith and kept through our fears  
By our faith.

Feed your faith and your fears will starve to death. Author Unknown

How do you feed your faith?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**The good news was news of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant...  
Hark! The herald angels sing...joyful all ye nations rise  
Angels we have heard on high...echoing their joyous strains...  
Deck the Halls last verse....sing we joyous all together....  
God rest ye merry gentlemen...O tidings of comfort and joy  
Joy to the World!*

Let me tell you something this morning...joy may be the greatest gift you receive this Christmas.

Paul understood the connection between anxiety and rejoicing...

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Phil. 4:4-7

The angel proclaimed this to be news of *great joy* because:

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ was born...

*For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior...*

2. Because Scripture has been \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Because Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ just as the angel announced.

**The good news signaled the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_.**

"I bring you (*all*) good tidings of great joy which *will be to all people...*"

After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. Luke 2:17 (NLT)

It was a message that needed to be shared.

Scripture is clear that all people were sinners and that is why Christ was born for all people and the message was for all people (Romans 3:23 NIV):

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

And then, in the fulfillment of Scripture once again, Jesus died for all:

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* (Romans 5:8 NIV)

Good news really isn't good news unless we use it to improve lives!

**Conclusion**

What are you doing with this good news that was delivered on a dark, long awaited nite?

Who do you know that lives under the stress and anxiety of the world's lust for power, materialism, greed and/or self-pleasure?

**Give the people some Good News this Christmas!**