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Topic: Good News For All

Text: Luke 2:10-14

1. There is good news from God for all of us. This was announced more than two millenniums ago. We are still hearing this good news, this message from God to **all people**. Our hearts must rejoice because these are good tidings of great joy.
2. This Child is special (v11); His name, Jesus, means "Saviour". He is also called "Christ", meaning the Anointed One. Where would you expect a king to be born? Yet, this King was born in a manger. He is not just anybody- He is the Lord of lords and the King of kings. He is fully God and fully man.
3. This is a miracle (v12, see Isaiah 7:14). The Scriptures prophesied that the Saviour would come in a special way, born of a virgin. When born into this world, we are born as sinners (see Psalm 51:5). Christ was born perfect and without sin. All of us are but sinners. Christ is fully God and yet fully man without sin. Why did God send His Son to us? (see Rom 5:8-11) This is good news! We have a God that loves us and wants to save us. The only purpose of the birth of God's Son into this world is to die for us- because we cannot save ourselves. There is death because of sin. Death is not the end; we will have to face judgment one day.
4. God will punish our sins. He can also save us! There is a way to escape God's punishment of us sinners. The good news is that we can be saved from our sins. Christ lived a perfect life, yet He went to the cross to be punished for our sins. He has great power to save. He rose from the grave on the third day for the remission of our sins. We have eternal life, not in punishment, but in joy! Once we have believed that He is our saviour, that only He can save us, then we have this greatest joy.
5. Our real happiness comes from this peace (v13-14). When you read the news, you know people are suffering. Even in Singapore, there is no exception. Happiness in this world is temporary and cannot stop death. This peace that the Bible speaks of is between God and us. If we reject this good news, we are simply saying: "I don't care." If we reject God, we become His enemies. Receive this news and believe it- and know that in all eternity, because we have this Saviour, we shall have eternal life.

*Today, will you believe in Christ as your Saviour? Or will you rebel and reject Him?*