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GOOD NEWS

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Ask Yourself

- What is “good” news for you?
- What is the “Good News” proclaimed by Jesus?

An Excerpt from the Gospel of Mark

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

MARK 16:15

Reflection

“Good News” is the translation of the word “gospel,” and although we may associate this word primarily with the documents attributed to Matthew, Mark,

Luke, and John, the word has a fuller meaning as the whole story of God's action with and for all creation. In his letters, Paul refers to the "gospel of God" (2 Cor 11:7) and "the gospel of Christ" (Rom 15:19). In Mark 8:35 and 10:29, the gospel is equated with the person of Jesus, and in Mark 13:10 and 14:9, with the story of Jesus.

In this context, the Gospel is Jesus who comes from God; was promised through the prophets; a descendent of David according to the flesh; designated Son of God in power by the resurrection. The gospel is the proclamation of the kingdom announced by Jesus (Mark 1: 14-15) and now proclaimed by the church.

Early in his ministry, Jesus summarized his mission, his gospel:

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4: 16-21).

And, at the end of his life, Jesus commissioned his disciples to "go out to all the world and tell the Good News" (Mark 16:15).



For Pondering

- What “Good News” is needed in our world today?
- What “Good News” do you proclaim by your life?

For Prayer

*Lord Jesus, you commanded us to go into the whole world
and preach the Gospel to every creature.
We ask for your grace and strength to be faithful witnesses to your love and
mercy.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly proclaim your Word
and lead others to faith in you.
Guide us in our words and actions,
that we may reflect your love
and bring others closer to you.
Amen.*

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