It's All Good.

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The First Christmas Was Described As:

Good News
Great Joy
For All People

"The <u>Law and the Prophets</u> were proclaimed <u>until</u> John. Since that time, the <u>good news</u> of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it." Luke 16:16 NIV

The Gospel was compelling and it was worth telling.

"Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught." Luke 1:1-4 NIV

The Gospel was worth telling because it was good.

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your <u>sins</u> are forgiven"...But I want you to know that the Son of Man has <u>authority</u> on earth to <u>forgive</u> sins."... Luke 5:20,24 NIV

..."<u>Follow</u> me"... "I have not come to call the <u>righteous</u>, but <u>sinners</u> to <u>repentance</u>." Luke 5:27,32 NIV

Jesus didn't just call His followers to be good.

He called His followers to do good.

"Do good to those who <u>hate</u> you... <u>pray</u> for those who <u>mistreat</u> you...And if you do <u>good</u> to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you?..." Luke 6:27-28 NIV

"But love your enemies, <u>do good</u> to them, and <u>lend</u> to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be <u>children</u> of the Most High, because <u>he is kind</u> to the <u>ungrateful</u> and <u>wicked</u>". Luke 6:33,35 NIV

We can't be content with just believing, we must follow.

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:36 NIV

There are no self-righteous Jesus Followers.

"Today in the town of David a <u>Savior</u> has been born <u>to you</u>; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11 NIV

Next Steps:

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