

"GOOD NEWS"
A Series in the Gospels

"Gospel"- "Good News" (Greek)- "Euangelion"

Bridge from OT Wisdom Literature to NT:

Job 42:5 (NLT) "I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes."<————
> **Luke 9:20 (NLT)** "Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah sent from God!"

The term "good news" first appears in Luke associated with angelic announcements of the birth of Jesus:

The Angel of the Lord appears to Zechariah (Foretells Birth of his son, John The Baptist)

PICTURE Herod's Temple

"And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news."
Luke 1:19 ESV

The Angel of the Lord appears to the Shepherds (Announcing the Birth of Jesus, the Messiah)

PICTURE Church of the Shepherds

"And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."
Luke 2:10 ESV

PICTURE Jesus Announces His Public Ministry at the Synagogue in Nazareth:

Luke 4:18-19 (ESV)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

From then on, it is used to describe the content of Jesus' ministry. The day after the synagogue scene, Jesus uses "good news" to summarize the intent of his ministry:

PICTURE Capernaum

"but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."
Luke 4:43 ESV

PICTURE Hill in Nazareth overlooking farmland to the south east (Nain and if you continued that direction, Beit She'an)

8:1, "Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,"
Luke 8:1 ESV

PICTURES Various Villages around the Sea of Galilee (9:18-20- Church of the Loaves & Fish)

9:6, "So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere."
Luke 9:6 NIV

PICTURES Jerusalem

20:1 "One day as Jesus was teaching the people and preaching the Good News in the Temple, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him."
Luke 20:1 NLT

This is a very unique proclamation that finds definition in the life and ministry of Jesus. It is "good news" that radically changes the world. All who hear this good news hear everything in life differently from that moment on.