

Let's Go!

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But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12 NIV

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Luke 2:28-32 NIV

In 2026, let's...

**Be with Jesus and become like Him.**

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13 ESV

**Do what Jesus did- Go and make disciples of all nations!**

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

Let's Talk About It

It has been a roller coaster of a year, but God carried us through and has shown Himself throughout it all! As we reflect on 2025, let's resolve in our hearts to go into the new year spending more time with Jesus, becoming more like him, and living life on mission to make disciples in 2026!

- Luke 2:10-12, 28-32; Acts 4:13; Matthew 28:18-20

Discussion Questions:

- Which part of the message made an impact, caught your attention, or challenged you?
- Read Luke 2:28-32. Simeon prophesied of Jesus being born into our world as the light of salvation to the gentiles (non-Jewish people). How does knowing that Jesus came into our world to bring salvation to all people change the way you see and interact with people?
- Read Acts 4:13. As you spend time with Jesus, He begins to change your heart for what matters most to Him. What are some areas of your life that you've seen Jesus change you from the inside out? What steps of faith did you take that led to this change?
- Read Matthew 28:18-20. What do you think about Jesus' last words to his disciples? Who is one person that God is highlighting in your heart to share the gospel with? What is something that you could teach them about Jesus that would open their hearts up to Him? How does knowing Jesus will always be with you as you minister to others, comfort you as you reach out to others?

Take a Step

This week, spend time with Jesus reading the Bible and praying to him daily. Ask Him to reveal who He is to you. Then ask Him to change you from the inside out to be more like Him. Ask God who it is that He would like you to spend time with next year to help walk them across the line of faith. Pray for them and take steps of faith to serve them.

Here's My Prayer

Lord, thank you for carrying me through 2025 and showing yourself so faithful. I pray that in 2026, I will grow deeper in love and appreciation for You. Help me to simply enjoy being with you and set my heart at rest in your presence. May you fill me with your Holy Spirit to overflowing that I may become more like you in Christ-like character. And may I have a greater boldness and courage to share the gospel with others, so that they too may experience God's transformational love. In Jesus' name. Amen.