FOR ALL PEOPLE

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The Angel said, "Fear not, for behold
I bring you GOOD NEWS of GREAT JOY
that will be FOR ALL PEOPLE." - Luke 2:10

If the Gospel you're sharing isn't Good News for ALL PEOPLE . . . then it's NOT the Gospel of Jesus!

Matthew 2

1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

MAGI = *"Astrologer, Sorcerer, Magician"* (from Babylon & Persia)

The Good News of Jesus was for the LOWEST of the Jews and the GREATEST of the Gentiles.

Matthew 2

3 King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. 4 He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 6 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'" (Approx. 700 BC - Micah 5:2-5)

The promised Messiah wasn't just for GOD'S people . . . he was for ALL people.

The Abrahamic Covenant

The Lord said to Abraham, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. ALL THE FAMILIES on the earth will be blessed through you."

- Genesis 12:1-3

Matthew 2

7 Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!" After this interview the wise men went their way. 9 And the star they had seen in the east *GUIDED THEM* to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.

The God who guided the wise men with a STAR
can be trusted to GUIDE your everyday life.

Matthew 2

10 When they saw the star, they were filled with Joy! 11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Good News of the Gospel is for YOU too!

The Gospel is for ALL PEOPLE.

- The Gospel is for the RICH.
- The Gospel is for the POOR.
- The Gospel is for the LOST.
- The Gospel is for the LEAST.
- The Gospel is for the SINNER.
- The Gospel is for the SAINT.
- The Gospel is for the HUNGRY.
- The Gospel is for the THIRSTY.
- The Gospel is for the HAVES.
- The Gospel is for the HAVE-NOT's.

The Gospel is for ANYONE and EVERYONE,
but it's only Good News if you RECEIVE it.

2 Peter 3
9 The Lord is not willing that ANY should perish,
but that ALL should come to repentance.

John 3
15 Jesus said, "Everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.
16 For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only
Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have
eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the
world, but to save the world through him. 18 There is no judgment
against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not
believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's
one and only Son."

Romans 6

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift
of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10

9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

John 6

29 Jesus said, "This is the only work God wants from you: BELIEVE in the one he has sent." *(BELIEVE = commit to or put your trust in)*

Q: Do you **believe** that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?

Q: Do you **believe** that God raised him from the dead?

Q: Do you **believe** that God wants to save you?

Q: Are you ready to **receive** the free gift of Jesus and **follow** him for the rest of your life?

The Apostle Paul said, *"The right time is NOW. Today is the day of Salvation."* - 2 Corinthians 6:2

Group Discussion.

Q: If the Gospel is for "all people" then "who" do you need to share the Gospel with this Christmas?

Q: What keeps you from sharing the Good News of Jesus with others? *Fear - Pride - Too Busy - You don't know what to say - Something else…*

Q: What's been the most impactful truth you've learned or been reminded of during this 3-week series?