

March 01 / Sunday

Surprise!

Read [1 Peter 3:15-16](#)



**02 / Mon – News is not neutral** | Read [2 Kings 7:9](#)

Good news is scarce right now, especially when reading or listening to news media. What about when something good happens to *you*? Are you inclined to keep it to yourself or do you tell others? In this story, four men -ostracized because of their disease- were the first to discover their city had been miraculously delivered from a long siege. Notice they did not keep the good news from those who shunned them. What is some good news you have shared with someone else recently?

**03 / Tue – Gospel = good news** | Read [Acts 13:38-39](#)

The best news anyone can hear is the gospel. In fact, the Greek word translated as *gospel* literally means *good news*. So what is that good news? In scripture, it is described in various places as the good news of God's grace, the good news of peace with God through Jesus Christ, the good news of the kingdom of God (His rule and reign), and the good news of forgiveness and freedom from sin. Which description most resonates with you and why does it?

**04 / Wed – Who told you?** | Read [John 3:16-17](#) / [Matthew 28:16-18](#)

Jesus was the first to proclaim the good news that God isn't an angry Being waiting to punish you but instead He is a Father in Heaven who loves you and wants to reconcile you back to Himself. After Jesus died to reopen that door between God and the people He created, he came back and gave his followers a commission (a co-mission) to spread this good news to everyone else. Where did you first hear about this good news?

**05 / Thu – When in Rome...** | Read [Matthew 5:43-47](#)

Author Michael Frost views the church as an army of ordinary people who are sent out to announce and demonstrate the reign of God through Christ. That is what happened in the first century. Life was brutal under Roman rule but Christians lived counter-cultural lives of sacrificial kindness and love, even toward their enemies. And they were willing to suffer and be killed rather than renounce Jesus. Their authenticity changed the skeptics. How will God use you to impact where you live?

**06 / Fri – What a bunch of #%#&!**  | Read [John 13:34-35](#)

Christians have a very different reputation today than they did back in the first century. Have you noticed how people outside the church have begun to describe it? What are some of the negative adjectives being used? Do these match the experiences you have had with the church or with other believers? Why or why not? What do you think it would take to change these perceptions so that we can more authentically reflect the character of Jesus?

**07 / Sat – Salty conversations** | Read [Colossians 4:5-6](#)

Jesus was a religious person but he lived in a way that caused a lot of questions from both the religious and non-religious people with whom he interacted. The religious people questioned his religion because Jesus disregarded any tradition that had nothing to do with loving people while non-religious people wondered why such a godly man cared about them, even though they were disbelievers or lived negative lifestyles. Does your life raise questions too? And do you have valid, thoughtful answers to those questions?