



**All I want for
Christmas is . . .**

Good News

Luke 2:8-12

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“Good news is rare these days, and every glittering ounce of it should be cherished and hoarded and worshipped and fondled like a priceless diamond.” -- Hunter S. Thompson

Good News is Great when it . . .

- **Comes to the needy! 2:8**
- **Arrives with authority! 2:9**
- **Gives great joy! 2:10**
- **Makes itself accessible! 2:11-12**

*In the same region there were some **shepherds** staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.*

***When it comes to the needy – 2:8**

- Shepherds are rejects
- God pursues rejects

*And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the **glory** of the Lord shone around them; and they were **terribly frightened**.*

***When it arrives with authority – 2:9**

- Wrapped in glory
- Fearful to encounter

*But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you **good news of great joy** which will be for all the people;*

***When it gives great joy – 2:10**

-Joy that eliminates fear

-Joy that cannot be contained

for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. “This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

***When it makes itself accessible – 2:11-12**

-A Savior who can understand

-A Savior who can save

-A Savior who can be approached