

Christmas:

IT'S ALL GOOD

Better Than True
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Scripture: Luke 1:1-2, 4; 2:11; 5:20, 24, 27, 32; 6:27-28, 33, 35-36; 16:16

Idea: If it's not good news, you may have the wrong version. It's not a good story. It's good news.

Introduction

[For some folks, resistance to Christianity revolves around the question:]

Is it **true**?

[Maybe that's you. I love talking about this, especially the "it" part.]

Is **it** true?

[Is what true? For many, the "it" is the Bible. Thousands of men and women embraced Christianity before there was a Bible. I hope that's not your "it." The Bible didn't create Christianity. For some people, their resistance revolves around a different question:]

Is it **good**?

[Is Christianity good for society? Is it good for me? Is it dangerous or harmful? When we hear news that's not good, we hope it's not true. If you heard Netflix was doubling their price, you would hope it's not true. If you heard Amazon was going back to just selling books, that wouldn't be good news. When we hear good news, we hope it's true.]

Processed sugar **extends** life expectancy!

[When the long silence was broken and Jesus's birth was announced, it was described as...]

Good News

Great Joy

[Here's the surprise. No one would make this up. The world was too divided.]

