

Prayer Update 1004

Wednesday 16 December 2020

God's Word for this week ...

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, and told him that "... the child conceived in Mary is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus [Saviour], for He will save His people from their sins." (See Matthew 1:20-21)

After Jesus' birth, shepherds "... went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this Child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. (See Luke 2:16-18)

Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere ...

Go, tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is born!

COME AND SEE ... GO AND TELL ... what you saw!

(See Luke 2:10-20; Matthew 28:5-10, 18-20; Mark 16:6-7, 15-16)

- The angel told the shepherds of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, and they went and saw Him.
- The angel told the two Marys of Jesus' resurrection, and they went, saw and told others to "Come and see" His empty tomb.
- Jesus told His disciples to "Go and tell" the whole world, the message of salvation through Him. Then He ascended back to Heaven.

Jesus *has* come ... He died *but* rose again... *and* He's coming back! Praise God!

Pray that His birth, death, resurrection, ascension and return will be proclaimed throughout the world, especially at this time when we remember His first coming ... and prepare for His coming again!

Pray for the many ways in which the Gospel is, and will be, proclaimed around the world by His followers. Come and see what He has done; Go and tell what you have seen of the Lord and His good news of eternal life through Jesus.

Pray that the glory of God, His greatness, love, mercy and salvation, will be proclaimed throughout the earth – anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and revealed through Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.

COVID VACCINES

Pray that these will be:

- Effective against infection and transmission of covid, minimising effects of existing infection, preventing deaths in seriously ill cases; and with minimal side effects.
- Rapid production and distribution, especially to people most easily infected and affected by covid; and for countries and places experiencing rapid spread of covid.
- **Give thanks** for covid control in New Zealand and the relatively few cases and deaths we have had. Pray for our continuing protection, and for vaccination to be available soon.
- **Pray** for wisdom re borders and "bubbles" with other countries where isolation will not be required when crossing borders.

NOTE: OUR NEXT Prayer Update IS PLANNED FOR 20 JANUARY 2021