
❖SERMON NOTES❖

Sunday, December 15, 2019

“Bad News/Good News”
(Romans 5:1-5)

We live in a world filled with news and much of it would be called bad news. Our world is broken by sin and sinners. It was and is to such a world that Jesus comes.

“Brothers and sisters, consider your calling: Not many were wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth. Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world—what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something, so that no one may boast in his presence” (1 Corinthians 1:26–29, CSB).

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“Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground. He didn’t have an impressive form or majesty that we should look at him, no appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn’t value him. Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. We all went astray

like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:1-6, CSB).

“Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14, CSB).

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“Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people” (Luke 2:10, CSB).

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“When his family heard this, they set out to restrain him, because they said, ‘He’s out of his mind’” (Mark 3:21, CSB).