

# SHARING "NEWS"

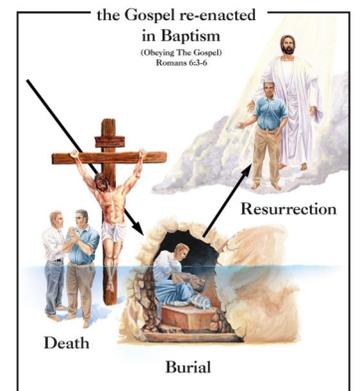
Jesus knew the news. He was aware of the activity of people in surrounding communities. He listened to what concerned other people. Sharing "news" encompasses at least these three things: the medium, the message, and me.

1) The Medium. The Bible is designed to help us navigate through error. Recognize it, then respond and refute error. How? Lovingly. But beware: examine "fruits." "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them" Matthew 7:15-20. So be a good tree. Sometimes the fruit from others is "muddy." Avoid "tales" of false news and stay out of the mud (see 1 Peter 1:15; 2:11-12). Be the light that's needed in this dark world (1 Corinthians 5:9-10). The whole world often bears bad "fruit" (1 John 5:19). Is the "news" media being presented by a non-Christian? The "news" medium presents to us an active bias. Beware...

2) The Message. Satan wants you to be confused about the message. The Scriptures tell us there is "unrighteous deception among those who perish" (2 Thessalonians 2:10). The deceptions take the form of lies, half-truths, and human theories—circulating everywhere! Each concept challenges the purity of the message needed. When we consider Proverbs 18:17 says, "The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him," how will we examine the message? James writes: "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." We must be ready, willing, and able to rapidly accept and apply the Word of God in our life! Do not follow a multitude to do evil.

3) And Me. Be aware of your own heart. The prophet Jeremiah wrote "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?" The apostle Paul warns us "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables (2 Timothy 4:3-4). Who are you? Do you always seek to listen ONLY to those who agree with you? Jesus heard the news...however, this was His comment: "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" Luke 13:2-5.

Yes, there's much more to sharing "news" than we can imagine, so, make it "good news!"



**Bday/Anniv Lunch:** ...yes, when **we** can!

**YOUR Bible Study:** Consider what the study of God's Word will do (see **2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17**). Make time to learn Scripture that may apply to your life today...be blessed y'all!

— **THANK YOU** for reading!