

The Bad News About Christmas

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Introductory notes:

Good News?

The _____ news of the birth of Jesus was actually _____ news.

The miracle of Jesus' birth is that he was fully _____ and fully _____.

The baby in the manger came to tell us the _____ news ever, because until we accept the _____ news ever, we'll never want the _____ news ever.

Bad News?

Understanding the bad news of Christmas is what makes God's shocking work of _____ make sense.

God the Son had to leave His throne in heaven to become one of us because there was simply _____.

Examples of things that are **not** my biggest problem in life:

The biggest problem that all of us have to face is not _____ us, it's _____.

What I learn from [Mark 7:21-23](#):

You have no ability whatsoever to escape _____.

What I learn from [Romans 5](#):

_____ is the bad news of Christmas.

Sin causes us to replace _____ of God with the pursuit of an unending catalog of _____ things that capture the deepest allegiances of our _____, minds, and affections.

What to Do with this Bad and Good News

To every human being, sin is the ultimate _____ enemy.

The true Christmas narrative is _____ and unattractive.

Until we hear and _____ the bad news, the good news won't be _____ to us.

It's only when you admit your _____ that you will be able to fully celebrate the _____ that is Jesus.