

A Heart To Deliver Good News

1 Samuel 31:6-9 (ESV)

Thus Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, on the same day together. And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley and those beyond the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and lived in them. The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. So they cut off his head and stripped off his armor and sent messengers throughout the land of the Philistines, to carry the good news to the house of their idols and to the people.

Give Good News, Be Great Neighbors

Greek = Euangelion

Eu = Good

Aggelos = Message

Mark 1:1 (ESV)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 16:15 (ESV)

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Hebrew = Basar – To gladden with good news

The book of 1 Samuel ends with the good news of the death of King Saul

How Can The Death Of A King Be Good News?

When The King Has Oppressed You

1 Samuel 8:10-11, 18 (ESV)

So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he

will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ...And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

Isaiah 61:1 (ESV)

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

When The King Has Failed You

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (ESV)

When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,’ you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall never return that way again.’ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Isaiah 52:7 (ESV)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

When The King Has Taken Your Place

Psalm 40:6-10 (ESV)

In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Isaiah 40:9 (ESV)

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

The Old King Is Dead; Behold, King Jesus Reigns

Jesus Is The King God Has Chosen

Jesus Is The King Who Is Our Brother

Jesus Is The King Who Will Never Lead Us Back Into Slavery

Jesus Is The King Who Is Devoted To One Bride, The Church

Jesus Is The King Who Gives His Treasure To Us

Jesus Is The King Who Fulfills God's Law Perfectly For Us

Psalm 22:24-28 (ESV)

For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

Isaiah 33:17 (ESV)

Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty; they will see a land that stretches afar.