

THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO... Part 4: "The Private Investigator"

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"Aristarchus, who is in jail here with me, sends greetings; also Mark, cousin of Barnabas (you received a letter regarding him; if he shows up, welcome him); and also Jesus, the one they call Justus. These are the only ones left from the old crowd [Jewish Christians] who have stuck with me in working for God's kingdom. Don't think they haven't been a big help! Epaphras, who is one of you, says hello. What a trooper he has been! He's been tireless in his prayers for you, praying that you'll stand firm, mature and confident in everything God wants you to do. I've watched him closely, and can report on how hard he has worked for you and for those in Laodicea and Hierapolis. Luke, good friend and physician, and Demas both send greetings." Colossians 4:10-14 (MSG)

IT'S EASIER TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS WHEN I REMEMBER...

1. ...I'M NOT REQUIRED TO ABANDON _____& _____.

"Many people have attempted to write about the things that have taken place among us. Reports of these things were handed down

to us. <u>There were people who saw these things</u> for themselves from the beginning. They saw them and then passed the word on. With this in mind, I myself have <u>carefully looked into</u> <u>everything</u> from the beginning. So I also decided to write down an <u>orderly report of</u> <u>exactly what happened</u>. I am doing this for you, most excellent <u>Theophilus</u>. I want you to know that the things you have been taught are <u>true</u>." **Luke 1:1-4** (NIRV)

2. ...I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF

"I really have seen the person that you have sent to save your people. You have sent him to the world and people everywhere will know about him. He will bring light to people so that they can know you. He will show you to those people who are not Jews. He will also show that your people of Israel are very special." Luke 2:30-32 (EASY)

"Level the mountains! Fill up the valleys! Straighten the curves! Smooth out the ruts! And then <u>all mankind shall see the Savior</u> <u>sent from God</u>."

Luke 3:5-6 (TLB)

"And he said, 'Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. It was also written that this message would be <u>proclaimed in the</u> <u>authority of his name to all the</u> <u>nations</u>, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins <u>for all who repent</u>.'" Luke 24:46-47 (NLT)

3. ...I'LL NEVER _____ OF PEOPLE WHO NEED TO KNOW THEY

"I, the Son of Man, <u>came to look for people</u> who are far away from God. They are in danger and I have <u>come to save them</u>." Luke 19:10 (EASY)

- Luke 15:1-31 Three Stories About Lost Things
- Luke 10:30-37 A Bad Guy Who Turns Out To Be The Good Guy
- Luke 7:36-50 A Sinful Woman Crashes a Holy Bros Party