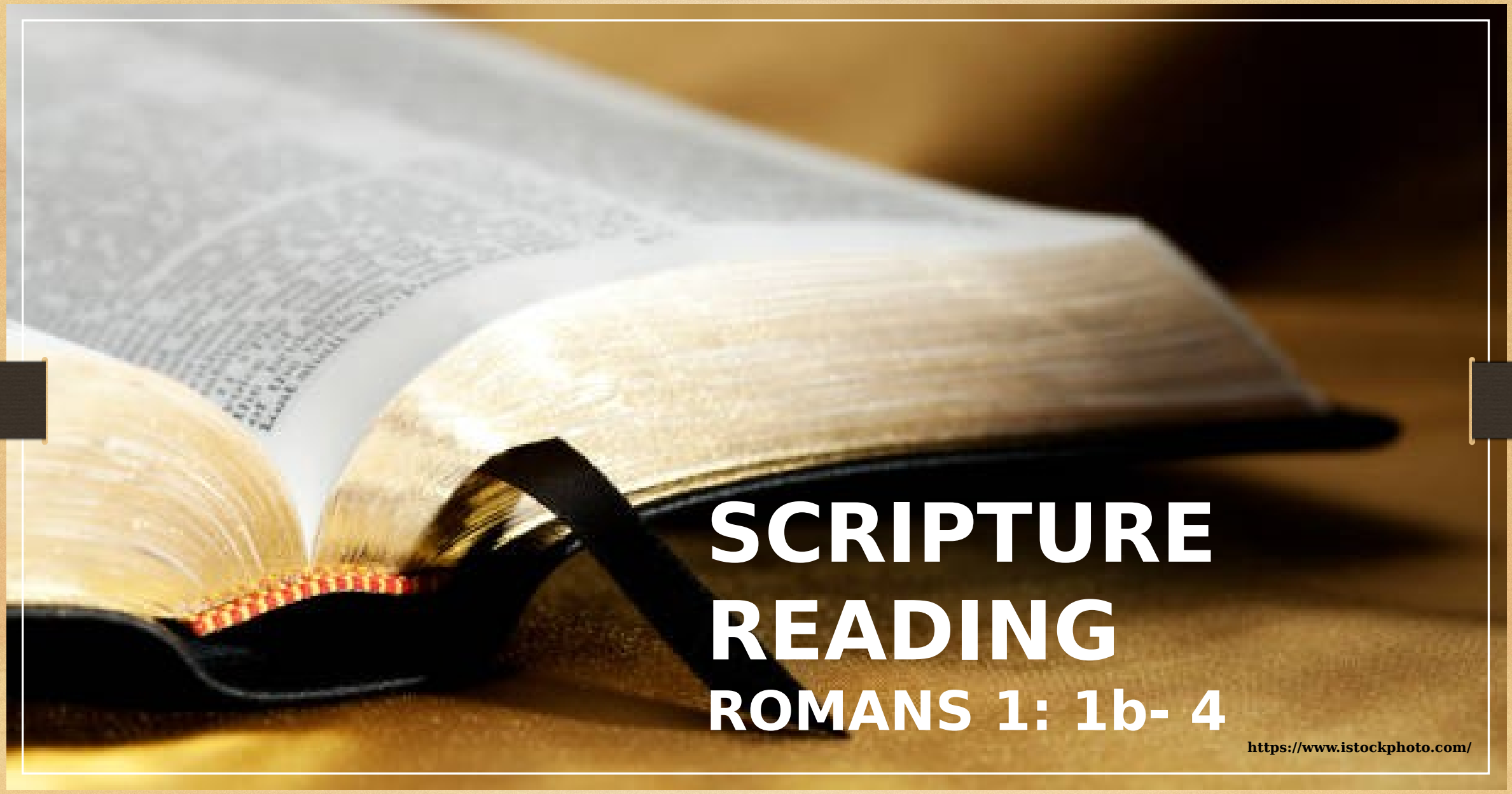
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SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 1: 1b- 4

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Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 1: 1b – 4 (NASB, 1999)



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WHO IS COMING?

WHY CELEBRATE THE COMING OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD?



A SEEK – AND – SAVE MISSION

“For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”

Luke 19: 10 (NASB, 1999)

**IN THIS SEASON, LET US FOCUS ON THE REASON WHY HE CAME
INTO THE WORLD.**

MAY THE SPIRIT OF OUR CELEBRATION BE THE SPIRIT IN WHICH HE CAME.

**HE CAME TO SEARCH FOR THOSE WHO WERE LOST,
HE CAME TO SEEK FOR THOSE WHOSE HEARTS LONGED FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN THE WORLD COULD SATISFY**

JESUS CHRIST CAME TO RESCUE LOST PEOPLE FROM THE WRATH TO COME

ADVENT IS A SEASON FOR THINKING ABOUT & CELEBRATING THE HEART & MISSION OF GOD.

THIS SEASON IS ABOUT
OUR ETERNAL, MAGNIFICENT, MIGHTY, AWESOME GOD
CHOOSING TO IDENTIFY SO TOTALLY WITH US
THAT HE SENT HIS SON ON
A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION TO SAVE US

GOD IS A SENDING, PURSUING, SEARCHING, SAVING GOD



OUR ETERNAL GOD STEPPED INTO TIME.

THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS BECAME PART OF HIS CREATION

THE ALMIGTHY GOD BECAME APPROACHABLE

THE INFINITE ONE BECAME AN INFANT.

THE WORD BECAME FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US


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THE BIRTH OF A CHILD CHANGES EVERYTHING
ROMANS 1: 1 -4;
LUKE 1:1 - 2: 40
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The birth of a child changes everything

You can prepare for the birth of a child,
but you will still be surprised.

There will be joy, pain, sacrifice, unexpected developments, tears, laughter, inconvenient times, sleepless nights, perhaps even frustration and anger…

In essence , the birth of a child brings change – a disruption to our normal well-ordered lives –

and

change is something that most struggle with, change causes us to react in unexpected ways

And change came..
..this child that was born some two thousand years ago changed everything.

This child’s birth provoked a response in so many people – from kings, governors, wise men, shepherds, a young mother and

This child provoked a response..

..an outburst of praise from an angelic choir,

..a call to some shepherds to come away from looking after their sheep to “go and see” Messiah

“

Who is He in yonder stall,
At whose feet the shepherds fall?

‘Tis the Lord!
O wondrous story!
‘Tis the Lord, the King of Glory!
At His feet we humbly fall

Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!

”

Benjamin Russel Hanby (1833 – 1867)

“A ray of hope flickers in the sky
A tiny star lights up way up high
All across the land, dawns a brand new morn
this comes to pass when a child is born…
…The winds of change whisper in the trees”
And the walls of doubt crumble, tossed and torn,
this comes to pass when a child is born

THE SONG EXPRESSES THE YEARNING OF MANY HEARTS

BUT TRUE HOPE IS NOT JUST IN ANY CHILD

BUT THE CHILD BORN OF MARY, A SON THAT IS GIVEN TO US

THIS CHILD WAS NO ORDINARY CHILD

THIS CHILD WAS MESSIAH, CHRIST THE LORD

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NO ORDINARY CHILD

JESUS IS THE VISIBLE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD,
CLOTHED IN HUMILITY
YET
CARRYING THE FULL WEIGHT OF DIVINE AUTHORITY

“The Son of God
became a man
to enable men to become
sons of God.”

C.S. LEWIS

GOD CAME DOWN.

THE INFINITE BECAME AN INFANT.

THE ETERNAL GOD STEPPED INTO TIME,

HE WHO WAS DIVINE BECAME HUMAN

WHY DID GOD DO IT?

BECAUSE OF THE PROMISE OF HIS GOOD NEWS

“THE GOSPEL OF GOD”

ROMANS 1: 1b (NASB, 1999

THE PROMISE
IS
THE CLIMAX OF THOUSANDS OF PROMISES & PROPHETIC WORDS SPOKEN OVER AT LEAST 40 CENTURIES

IT IS THE ANSWER TO ALL THOSE PUZZLING QUESTIONS OVER THE YEARS – AN ANSWER & A SOLUTION – THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD

BUT WHAT IS
THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD ABOUT?

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Romans 1: 1b – 4 (NASB, 1999)

“

..CONCERNING HIS SON..

”

ROMANS 1: 3 (NASB, 1999)

THE GOOD NEWS IS ABOUT THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS: HIS IDENTITY, LIFE, DEATH, RESURRECTION, REIGN

THE GOSPEL IS JESUS

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ASPECTS OF JESUS

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JESUS WAS FULLY HUMAN

‘.. A descendant of David according to the flesh..”
Romans 1: 3b (NASB, 1999)

- **JESUS WAS A MAN, SOMEONE REAL, WITH PARENTS AND ANCESTORS**

- **JESUS WAS JEWISH, CIRCUMCISED, WHO KEPT THE LAW AND WHO COULD FULFILL THE LORD'S PROMISES TO ISRAEL**

- **JESUS WAS THE RIGHTFUL KING, HEIR TO DAVID'S THRONE, THE ONE WHO WOULD COME AND RULE OVER THE NATIONS ON BEHALF OF YHWH**



JESUS WAS THE SON OF GOD

‘.. declared the Son of God with power..”
Romans 1: 4a (NASB, 1999)

- **THIS JEWISH MAN, THE SON OF A CARPENTER, WHO HAD BROTHERS AND SISTERS, SPOKE WITH A GALILEAN ACCENT, WHO GOT THIRSTY & HUNGRY, WHO ATE AND SLEPT, WHO LAUGHED AND CRIED AND WASHED FEET, WAS THE SON OF GOD IN POWER**

- **JESUS – THIS MAN FROM NAZARETH – WAS (AND IS) GOD'S MESSIAH.**
  HE WAS (AND IS)THE SON OF GOD IN POWER AND "GOD OVER ALL"
  (Romans 9:5)

JESUS WAS RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS



the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of Holiness..”
Romans 1: 4b (NASB, 1999)

- **THE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO JESUS IS ANNOUNCED TO THE WORLD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- **JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS IN ALL PERFECTION & PURITY**

- **THE RESURRECTION IS THE FATHER'S PROCLAIMATION OF THE SON'S LORDSHIP BY THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER**

JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

‘.. Jesus Christ our Lord.”
Romans 1: 4b (NASB, 1999)



KEY POINTS:

1) JESUS IS THE “CHRIST”, THE PROMISED KING OF ISRAEL

2) JESUS IS “LORD”, THE RULER OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

3) JESUS IS “OUR” LORD, HE IS THE PERSON WHO WE CAN KNOW, PRAISE, LOVE & FOLLOW.

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THE GOSPEL IS PRIMARILY A PERSON,
NOT AN EVENT.

IT IS
“OF GOD, CONCERNING HIS SON”

WHAT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSE TO JESUS CHRIST?