



The Greek word that we translate as "gospel" is euangelion (εὐαγγέλιον). It has a long history that pre-dates the New Testament. Homer used it as early as the 8th century BC in the Odyssey. Other ancient writers including Aristides, Xenophon, and Plutarch use euangelion as a proclamation of good news. In each case, gospel refers to good news that's proclaimed in a public forum.



IF YOU WERE PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL, what would you write?

The use of the word "gospel" to describe these narratives tells us that these stories about Jesus were meant to be game-changers for the audience. They were meant to shake up expectations and turn the trajectory of history in a new direction. Do you think they did?



MATTHEW 9:35 SAYS, "THEN JESUS WENT ABOUT ALL THE CITIES AND VILLAGES, TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES, AND PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM."

That means the good news includes Jesus' life and teaching as well as his death and resurrection. What stories from Jesus' life are good news to you?

