

Have you ever wished to discover a message written long ago and placed in a bottle on the ocean? Or would you like to have been the boys who, while throwing rocks into the cave-dotted hills of Judea, discovered ancient clay pots containing aged parchments with the words of Isaiah, called the Dead Sea scrolls?

Like discovering buried or lost treasure, finding messages from God Himself is more valuable than a chest of gold coins. When the words on the long lost ancient scrolls were studied, one of the portions said this:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
because He has anointed Me
to proclaim
good news to the poor.” (Isaiah 61:1)*

These words contained descriptions of both the Messenger and the message. Both are treasures. Both bring hope.

In this weary, war-torn world, good news is always welcome. This best news was to be delivered by God’s very own Messenger, His Son Jesus. Malachi, author of the last book in the Old Testament, announced Jesus as the Messenger of God’s covenant promise.

This Messenger was sent to us from God for whom “it is impossible to lie” (Hebrews 6:18). Jesus came as the full and final revelation of God to this world. He is the answer to all our questions, the solution to all our problems, the fulfillment of all our needs.

As God’s perfect Messenger, Jesus reveals God to humanity. In Jesus, “all the fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Colossians 2:9).

This Christmas may you receive Jesus’ message of good news for yourself. Then, may you cheerfully and eagerly share that message with many, for we are now His messengers, His ambassadors to a broken world. Our world needs the good news today more than ever.



OF THE COVENANT IN
WHOM YOU DELIGHT,

behold, he is coming,

SAYS THE LORD
OF HOSTS.

Malachi 3:1