

GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR (based on Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11)

The spirit of God has been given to me.
God has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to comfort the broken hearted,
to set free those who are imprisoned
to proclaim that the time has come
when God will shower blessings on his people.
My heart is filled with joy,
with praise and thanks to God.
I feel as if God has surrounded me in love,
as if God has wrapped me up in a cloak of blessings.
I feel like a bride dressed for her wedding, adorned in jewels.
For just as surely as the earth sends up green shoots,
just as surely as the garden makes seeds grow,
so will God bring love and justice and praise to people.

GOD IS COMING! (based on Isaiah 62:11-12)

This is what God proclaims
to the ends of the earth.
Look, your Saviour comes
bringing with him all that
he has done for you.
You will be called:
God's Holy People;
The People God has saved;
The City that God loves;
The City that God did not forget or abandon;
The City to which God is always faithful.

Christ of the Andes high above the city of Rio de Janeiro



*God's Holy People or 'People of God'
This name reminded the Jewish people
that God chose them. The early
Christians and the Church today use
the same name. It is a reminder that
the Church is the People God calls to
be one family.*