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What's the gospel in seven words? We asked theologians, pastors and others both to answer this question and to expand on this in a few sentences. To see all the responses together as they're posted, bookmark [this page](#). Add your own version [here](#). --Ed.

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Birth is a messy, painful affair, fraught with risk and danger. Yet Jesus was born. Walking beside us, Jesus lifts the lowly, satisfies the hungry and teaches us to live in love. Likewise, the Spirit gives birth to us. Transforming our lives, the Spirit grounds our being, urges us to create and leads us in abundant life. The core of the gospel exists in this fecundity.