



Shepherds

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Introduction:

- Journey to Jesus
- A Savior for everyone

Shepherds hear about Jesus

1. Ordinary “stuff of life” - watching sheep

- Working the night shift
- Angel appears
- Angels worship

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Luke 2:8-14 NLT

2. Responding to the good news

- Go and see
- Share the news with joy

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

Luke 2:15 NLT

¹⁸ and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them... ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:18, 20 NLT

Next Steps:

- Read Luke 2:8-20 this week (Shepherd story)
- Look for opportunities to share God’s love and my faith this Christmas season: _____
- Seek God for a personal encounter with him
- Invite a friend to Christmas Eve service
- _____
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