

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you received a visit from an unexpected guest. Was it a good surprise or a bad surprise? Why?
2. Why do you think the shepherds were filled with fear at the appearance of the angel?
3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about different kinds of shepherds:
 - a) Genesis 48:15
 - b) Jeremiah 3:15
 - c) Jeremiah 23:1-2
 - d) Ezekiel 34:8-10
 - e) John 10:12-13
 - f) Acts 20:28
 - g) Revelation 7:17
4. How does the angel's announcement to the shepherds apply to us today?
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to help someone in need for Christmas.
 - I am going to consider ways I can glorify God through my work.
 - I am going to memorize Revelation 7:17.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 2:8-20

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The Birth of Jesus ***Part Two – The Shepherd's Angelic Visit***

I. Introduction

A. The Good Shepherd

(See John 10:1-16; Hebrews 13:8)

B. The Life of a Shepherd

(See Genesis 4:2; Genesis 24:34-35; Genesis 30:31;
Genesis 46:31-32; Exodus 3:1; I Samuel 16:11; Genesis 13:7;
I Samuel 25:7; John 10:12-13; Genesis 46:34)

II. The Shepherd's Angelic Visit

A. The Setting

(See Luke 2:8; Genesis 31:40)

B. The Announcement

(See Luke 2:9-14; Luke 1:19; Luke 1:26; Ezekiel 1:28;
I Peter 1:8; Luke 2:30-32; Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10;
Daniel 9:25-26; Exodus 28:41; I Samuel 10:1; I Samuel 16:3;
Hebrews 1:1-2; Philippians 2:7)

“While the emperor may give peace from war on land and sea, he is unable to give peace from passion, grief, and envy. He cannot give peace of heart for which man yearns more than even outward peace.”
Epictetus, Stoic Philosopher

Passage of Study

Luke 2:8-20

⁸ In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” ¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

C. The Shepherd’s Visit

(See Luke 2:15-16; Luke 22:10; Acts 9:11)

D. The Shepherd’s Statement

(See Luke 2:17-18; Matthew 8:27; Matthew 9:33; Mark 15:5)

E. Mary’s Response

(Luke 2:19; Luke 1:26-33; Luke 1:39-45)

F. The Shepherds Return Home

(See Luke 2:20; Mark 5:18-19; Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:1-9)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

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