



Come & See What God Has Done

The Shepherds

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Have you considered why the Lord sent His angels to the shepherds to announce the birth of the promised Messiah? The Lord did not choose the Pharisees, Sadducees, or elders of the people. The Lord chose a group of people some would call at the low end of social status in that day and age. How often have you heard the shepherds referred to as the lowly shepherds? We find the story of the angels' interaction with the shepherds in Luke 2.

From Luke 2:8-20 we read, And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.





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Now, we need to consider where we fit into the plans of the Lord in sharing the good news of the Gospel. First, look at whom God chose to confirm the announcement of the birth of the Messiah—no one of prominence. The Lord used ordinary people. If we also consider whom Jesus chose as His disciples, we see ordinary people like fishermen and tax collectors. Once again, not the extraordinary, but rather, the common. The Lord wants you and me to be the shepherds of our age. He desires that we share Jesus with those we encounter daily. We are the ones who can reach out in a relatable manner to the people in our social circles. We miss opportunities if our social circles do not include the lost or unchurched. Stepping out in faith, we can accomplish much. But who will miss out on knowing Jesus as we know Him if we do not?

The shepherds heard the good news and went to Bethlehem to see what the Lord had done in their lives. They witnessed an infant Christ child. The child is announced by the angels as the Savior of the World. So, just as the shepherds, we must share that good news, too.

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