

## **Come and See the Shepherds!**

### **Come and See, Pt. 2**

**Luke 2:8-12**

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**Luke 2:8**, *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."*

**John 8:12**, *When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

### **The Shepherds Outside Bethlehem Teach Us:**

#### **1. Everyone Is IMPORTANT to God**

**Luke 2:8**, *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.*

**Luke 19:10**, *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

**Ephesians 2:17**, *He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

#### **2. Anyone Can Hear the GOOD NEWS**

**Luke 2:9**, *An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*

**Proverbs 25:25**, *Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.*

**Proverbs 15:30**, *Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.*

#### **3. Salvation Is Available to ALL PEOPLE**

**Luke 2:11**, *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*

**2 Timothy 1:9**, *He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.*

**Romans 8:1**, *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

**Ephesians 1:13**, *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.*

**John 12:46**, *Jesus said, "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."*

#### **4. How You Respond to Jesus Makes the DIFFERENCE**

**Luke 2:15**, *When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." **16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger...*

**Titus 2:11**, *For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. **12** It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, **13** while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,*