

Our Coming Savior: Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20

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What stopped those shepherds? Was it really concern for the sheep?
Or was it disbelief that the angel wanted *them* to go to the Messiah?

Many people struggle with the same perception of inadequacy that
may have plagued the shepherds. After all ... they were just shepherd!
Why would the angel appear to them? Of all the people God could have
sent the angel to, why did He choose shepherds?

That's a good question for us to ponder this Christmas Sunday . . .

Why did He choose shepherds?

Because Jesus came **for us all**.

Listen to the angel's message, it tells us who Jesus came for:

- *Do not be afraid* -- those overcome by **fear**.
- *I bring you good news* -- those surrounded by **bad news**.
- *Of great joy* -- those struggling with **discouragement**.
- *That will be for all the people* -- those who feel **inferior**.
- *Today in the town of David* -- those who are **marginalized**.

It tells us who Jesus is ...

a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.

And the angels' song rings with a promise ...

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.

Jesus **first** . . . then **peace**

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Jesus quoted in John 14:27

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