

The Case For Christmas

WHY Did Shepherds Participate In The Savior's Birth?

Luke 2:8-20

When the Savior was Born, WHO received the Invitation to Greet Him?

Emperors, Priests & Prophets & Military Generals?

WHO were the First Human Visitors? That Honor was Reserved for the LOWEST of Low.

Could there be a More Suitable Proclaimer for the LAMB of God than a Shepherd?

1. THESE SHEPHERDS RECEIVED THE MESSAGE. (vv.8-11)

- GOD had Sent many Human saviors, THIS was a Savior from Heaven!
- It Was A Message Of A HELPLESS Savior. (v.12)
- It Was A Message Of A HUMBLE Savior. (v.12b, 2 Corinthians 8:9)
- It Was A Message Of A HEAVENLY Savior. (Philippians 2:6-8)

2. THESE SHEPHERDS RESPONDED TO THE MESSAGE (vv.15-16)

- "When you Receive a Message from God DO IT!"
- WHO were the FIRST People to Receive Christ as their SAVIOR?
- Believing is NOT Hearing...Believing is Responding to What you Hear!

3. THESE SHEPHERDS RETOLD THE MESSAGE (v.17)

- They told EVERYBODY!
- After Their Encounter with Jesus, their LIVES would Never be the SAME!
- Being a "Witness" is NOT just Experiencing Jesus, it's "Telling" Somebody HOW He's Affected your Life.
- Like these Shepherds, Let's "RETELL" the story OFTEN.

4. THESE SHEPHERDS REJOICED AT THE MESSAGE. (v.20)

- The World can't Explain a Message of Love, Redemption, & Hope Wrapped up in a Baby Born in Bethlehem.
- Jesus CAME as GOD HIMSELF, Clothed in a Robe of Human Flesh.
- The World's Disbelief & Retail Corruption of Christmas has Almost Ruined that Picture.
- It's NOT enough to HEAR About It, KNOW About It & Even RECEIVE the Message Of Christmas... YOU HAVE TO RESPOND TO IT!