



The Shepherds

Luke 2 (ESV)

Luke 2:7-20 *And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was 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 those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they'd heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

1. Who were the Shepherds?

- a. Men of **LOW** esteem

Dr. Leon Morris writes, "As a class shepherds in the 1st century had a bad reputation. As they moved about the country, they were known to be shiftless thieves. They were considered unreliable and weren't allowed to give testimony in the courts. In many ways they were social outcasts."

- b. Men **FAVORED** by God

2. What did they see?

- a. A glorious **DISPLAY**
- b. A glorious **KING**

3. What did they do?

- a. **BELIEVE** what they **HEARD**
- b. **PROCLAIMED** what they **SAW**

4. What is your response to the story?

**God Reveals His Story
To Those Who Are Watching!
Are You Watching For Him Today?**