

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 2:8-20

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THE DAY GOD CAME DOWN

THE DEITY AND DIVINITY OF THE SON OF MAN

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Luke 2:15-20

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I.) *There was a public announcement*

v.8-10a

Now there were in the same country (*the region of Judah*) shepherds **living out** in the fields, **keeping watch** over their flock by night. :9 And behold, an angel of the Lord **stood before them**, and the glory of the Lord **shone around them**, and they were greatly afraid. :10 Then the angel said to them, "**Do not be afraid...**

The Timing and Location of the Shepherds is Interesting.

They are Near Jerusalem and they are Near Bethlehem

many biblical historians believe
that they were nearby because once each year during the day of atonement

This Would Have Been at The Time of the Fall Feasts
and one of them would have been **The Day of Atonement**

During The Month on the Hebrew Calendar -
September or October.

the Bible Celebrates the Feasts of Trumpets,
The Day of Atonement, and The Feast of Tabernacles

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for these very important reasons...

BEFORE US IS THE GREATEST AND YET SIMPLEST STORY EVER TOLD

It's a perfect story if you'll allow it to be - for your life!

- *"it has to do with love and world peace,*
- *it has to do with forgiveness and harmony,*
- *it has to do with eternity and angels"*

**this story is the single most important story
that answers to all of man's worries and woes!**

Psalm 107:20

He sent His word and healed them,
And delivered *them* from their destructions.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. :26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

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There was a public announcement

a.) it was made to the most common of people

v.8

Now there were in the same country shepherds **living out** in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night...

these are common, blue collar workers of the poorer class. (They Are Shepherds)

they were not allowed to be near the towns or cities because they were very despised and viewed as thieves and social rejects.

the shepherd was despised in Jesus' day.
usually uneducated, poor and nomadic, the shepherd could not focus on the daily requirements of the law. he couldn't keep the requirements of hand washings and rituals.

Because of This Disdain for Shepherds - many would have children tend the sheep when Possible (i.e. david)

But Notice with Me Please

the shepherd had to choose between religious practices
or raising sheep, tending to the sheep and supplying sheep or keeping the regulations.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd
who chose to raise up and to tend and to supply the sheep.

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 10:14-16

I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. :15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. :16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

There was a public announcement

b.) it was made to the most lofty of angels

vs.9-10

And behold, an angel of the Lord **stood before them**, and the glory of the Lord **shone around them**, and they were greatly afraid. :10 Then the angel said to them, “**Do not be afraid...**

Angels - The Premier Servants of God

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

The Role of Angels

they receive and implement the Lord's will in heaven and on earth

they are created beings / once created, they are eternal / they have emotions / they have a will / they are self determinate / they are independent

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II.) There was a sample of heaven

v.10b-14

10b for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. :12 And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, 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, goodwill toward men!**”

There was a sample of heaven

a.) God was now among man

vs10b-11

....10b for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

good tidings = glad, happy, joyous news = **the gospel !**

great joy = over abundance of well being = **satisfaction !**

all people = to any and all who will listen = **to those who receive !**

I've got something to say, this gospel satisfies those who receive it

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

Notice with me please;
this is the "Doctrine of the Incarnation of God" to earth in human form.

KNOWN AS THE "IMMANUEL"

it involved the Lord, **becoming** a man, a human being.
it involved the Lord **limiting** Himself to humanity.
it involved the Lord **staying** a human being for all time and eternity.

The Savior, The Christ, The Lord

what saves? the savior, What Christ, The Deliverer, What Lord? our Master

The Saviour is Christ = The Messiah

Jesus is not Only our Savior, Messiah
but was also our Sacrifice.

Hebrews 13:12-13

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, **suffered outside the gate.** (of the city of Jerusalem) :13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, **outside the camp,**

Leviticus 16:27

for the sin offering whose blood was brought in to make atonement
in the Holy *Place*, shall be carried **outside the camp.**

Hebrews 9:11-12

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect
tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.....

...Hebrews 9:12 cont.

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once
for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

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There was a sample of heaven

b.) God had placed Himself in the hands of man

IN DOING THIS, HE HAD ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BECOME TOTALLY VULNERABLE

12 And this *will be the sign* to you:
You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

God the Son
now wrapped in human flesh...

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

the sign

shmei^von semeion, *say-mi'-on*;
the announcement, the indication,
also translated miracle, a token, a pledge or wonder.

The Sign is The Miracle, The Token, The Announcement is
That...

"You will find your Salvation, Your Deliverer, Your Master,
Lord Now Among You"

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 Timothy 1:15-16

This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. :16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

"Step Right Up - All Sinners Win"

(just look into the mirror and tell me what you see)

and what is that you see?

God's Heart Exposed to Us;

is a heart that is perfect in virtue.

perfect understanding, perfect knowledge, perfect compassion, perfect judgment,
perfect insight, perfect in every way.

perfect in light, perfect in holiness, perfect in love

Colossians 2:9

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

Colossians 1:14-16

in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. :15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. :16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

John 6:46-48

No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. :47 I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.:48 I am the bread of life.

John 14:9

...He who has seen Me has seen the Father;

God had placed Himself in the hands of man

Verse 13-14

: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, goodwill toward men!**"

in an instant, eternity spills over and into the finite,
heaven cannot contain itself and it explodes with earth-
shaking worship

even before Jesus could preach and teach, His mission was in effect

Isaiah 61:1

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor;

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, **Seen by angels**, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

Verse 14

saying:

“Glory to God in the highest, And **on earth peace, goodwill toward men!**”

"peace be to those of good will"

< Those Attached by Faith >

How Can This Be?

In Acoustics There is Something Called

Sympathetic Resonances

it happens when you have two pianos that are exactly alike but separate. one is here and the other is there. if you to strike the key of one piano followed by the key of the other piano you would hear
Sympathetic Resonance

the same chord, the same key, the same sound
coming from an exact copy of the original.

When we're Hurting - Jesus Resonates with Sympathy
When we're scared - Jesus Resonates with Peace
When we're tired - Jesus Resonates with Strength.

**Sympathetic Resonance is What
2 Corinthians 12:9-10 Is About Spiritually**

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

For the First Time
God was localized in Geography - because we are
He was minimized in a Body - because we are
So That He Could Feel Exactly What We Feel

Hebrews 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. :15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. :16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

John 11:35

Jesus **wept**

is the shortest verse in all of the Bible with the biggest feelings

"wept"

dakru/w dakruo, *dak-roo´o*;

to drip or to shed tears. a deep weeping, to sob, to heave the chest in grief.

Isaiah 53:3

He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and **acquainted** with grief.

oAd yada{, *yaw-dah´*

to know well, to be in association with, to discover, to be familiar with.

Jesus was familiar with Rejection, and Pain, and Hatred, and Sorrow

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III.) A decision had to be made

v.15-20

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a.) It was to act upon what they knew

v.15-16

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Notice With Me The Action (Activity or Uction)

What The Lord has Made Known to You,
you know you must do something about.

Once We Know Something,
We're now responsible to do what we can about it.

:15 the angels had **gone away** from them **back to heaven**,
the shepherds said to one another, "**Let's go...** :16 And **they came** with **haste** and **found**
(**searched**) Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Verse 15-16

"**Let's go** to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

Faith Gets Up and Moves

"**Let's go** to Bethlehem and see this thing
that **has come to pass**,
which the Lord has made known to us."

This Happened, So Let's Go

James 2:17-20

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. :18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. :19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!
:20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

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b.) It was to tell others about what they knew v.17-19

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Then the shepherds **returned, glorifying and praising** God
(*why?*) for (*because*) all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

it's one thing to visit the manger of the newborn Jesus
and to peek inside;
but it's a totally different thing to have a new birth
take place inside of you.

Stop Peeking at Jesus

(I've Been to London, I've Seen the Crown Jewels, But do you See the
Crown Jewels on Me?)

I only had a chance to **peek** at them

John 3:1-7

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. :2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." :3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." :4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" :5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. :6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. :7 Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again."

we've heard the testimony of angels and shepherds and of those
living in those days, but what about you personally?

What is it That You have to Report?
can you tell the world that your life has been invaded by God's love?

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Faith Gets Up and Moves