

THE ANGELIC MESSAGE

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Text: *Luke 2:8-20*... 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17 And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18 And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

1. _____ of the Message (vs. 8-10)

God had waited until the _____ moment for His son to be born amongst men. He had already told of the place and the method, but the timing was something He had not shared. But now it was time and He would not allow His son, the King of Kings, to enter this world _____.

We know that shepherds have a _____ in the heart of God. About Himself He says, "I am the good shepherd..." (John 10:11, 14).

A) _____ by _____

God has not left man to his own _____. He loves man and gave him prophecies that He would send a messiah. The first of these is in the Garden of Eden. He warned that the Messiah would be bruised but, in turn, the Messiah would crush the _____ (Gen. 3:15).

Then God uses the prophet _____ to reveal that Jesus Christ will come to humans as a baby (Isa. 9:6).

Through the prophet _____ God even tells us where His Son will be born—in the town of Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2). They _____ knew that Bethlehem was the prophesied birthplace of the Messiah (Matt. 2:4-6). You too can have confidence in God. When He says He will save you if you just accept His Son (Rom. 10:13), you know that God keeps His word.

B) _____ by _____

His plan for the entrance for His son to the world of men was to be born of a _____ (Isa. 7:14) who would care for Him like a loving and kind _____ does.¹

C) _____ by _____

This was not common. _____ prophecy was fulfilled (Matt. 1:18-23) just like it had been given. The fulfilment of his prophecy became the proof that God had indeed sent His son.

There must have been _____ about what the next day would contain as it unfolded (Luke 2:4-7).

Can you imagine God allowing His son to be born in a _____?

The birth of Jesus was not just a _____, nor was it for all of man. It was a "_____" event with "_____" significance. It was even significant to the _____. We know it to be true because God put a whole _____ in the heavens to mark the event forever.²

2. _____ of the message (vs. 11-12)

Luke 2:11-12... 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

The Bible tells us clearly that Jews require a _____ (1 Cor. 1:12). God gave them two:

A) *The Baby wrapped in _____.*

B) *The Baby lying in a _____*

A manger is a type of _____ in which _____ is put for the animals to eat. It can be a sloppy, dirty place. ILLUSTRATION:

3. _____ of the message (vs. 13-14)

Luke 2:13-14... 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, good will toward men.

A) *Message of _____*

B) *Message of _____*

C) *Message of _____ (Good will toward man)*

¹ **Luke 1:30-31... 30** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. **31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

² **Matthew 2:2... 2** Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.