

December 25, 2021 – Christmas Day

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[Luke 2:8-20](#)

The angel said unto them, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” ... so they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the Manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed.

These are the words used to present our Savior, Jesus Christ, to the world. And Jesus brought hope. Jesus brought love. And, Jesus brought a promise of a better tomorrow for all people.

You and I both know that being human is not easy. And it has been especially challenging during the last 20+ months. This promise delivered through Jesus keeps me going, and hopefully, you too. That promise of eternal life with Jesus also reminds me of the Shepherds’ next steps.

Read again the last sentence of the Scripture above. What did the Shepherds do immediately after they gazed upon the baby Jesus?

The Scripture says that “*they made known, and all who heard it were amazed.*” In other words, they told others.

Being a shepherd was not easy. This was a job that no one dreamed of. These shepherds most likely would either have been too old, too disabled, or too young to keep a job in town. They were usually the poorest of the poor and spent their lives caring for the livestock on the mountainsides, working for someone else, and receiving very little compensation. They were common people, not wealthy, not royalty, just everyday folks trying to make it from one day to the next.

But yet, the shepherds were chosen by God as the *first* to see the newborn King. And they immediately *shared* what they had seen.

The Scripture continues, “*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*”

Prayer: *Holy God, on this day we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. We give you thanks. Continue to guide us through all tomorrows as we, like the shepherds, share the “good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” AMEN.*

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