

THE GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

Luke 2:1-20

Theme: The baby Jesus' encounter with the Shepherds: Their Savior

WBC, Sunday a.m., December 25, 2022, Pastor Dan Unruh

- Dec 4: IV. JESUS' ENCOUNTER WITH the DOCTORS (Luke 2:39-52): In the Temple in Jerusalem
Dec 11: III. JESUS' ENCOUNTER WITH the WISE MEN (Matthew 2:1-12): In a House in Bethlehem
Dec 18: II. JESUS' ENCOUNTER WITH the PROPHETS (Luke 2:21-38): In the Temple in Jerusalem

I. THE BABY JESUS' ENCOUNTER WITH the SHEPHERDS (Luke 2:1-20)

In a S_____ in Bethlehem

A. The B_____ of the Savior (1-7)

1. THE W_____ setting (1-3)
2. THE L_____ setting (4-7)

B. The N_____ of the Savior (8-20)

1. THE A_____ of the news (8-15)
 - a. The Messenger (8-12) – a s_____ angel
 - b. The Messengers (13-15) – a “p_____” of angels!
2. THE M_____ of the news (10, 11, 12)
 - a. P_____ of His Birth – “*For unto you is born*”
 - b. P_____ of His Birth -- “*this day*”

Characterized by...

 - 1) ... DARKNESS
 - 2) ... COMMUNICATION
 - a) Greeks – p_____ language
 - b) Romans – Roman p_____
 - c. P_____ of His Birth -- “*in the city of David*”

God did not send His Son to save the person who thinks of self as s_____.
 - d. P_____ of His Birth -- “*a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord*”

Titus 3:4-7, “*But after that the kindness and love of _____ our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through _____ our Saviour...*”

 - 1) The M_____ – “*Christ*”
 - 2) The M_____ – “*Lord*”

A sobering test of whether or not Jesus is your Savior is whether or not He is your M_____!
3. THE R_____ of the news (8, 15-20)
 - a. They S_____ the Saying of the Lord (15-16)

Included in this word for “*found*” is the idea of s_____.

They knew they had the right baby when they found Him in a m_____!
 - b. They S_____ the Saying of the Lord (17-20)

The shepherds heard the angels and went to see; those who heard the shepherds merely “w_____.”