

Introduction - Our trip to Disney

When eager expectation becomes experience something extraordinary happens!

Today's Message
The Simple Shepherds
Luke 2:8-20

Dateline: Bethlehem

Luke 2:8

God's Angel

Luke 2:9-12

What is the Incarnation?

John 1:14, 18

Three titles: Savior, Messiah, Lord

God's Associates

Luke 2:13-14

God's Announcers

Luke 2:15-17

The Simple Shepherds

The Response from the Congregation

Luke 2:18-20

Gospel Application -

Do you live with eager expectation?

Luke 2:8-20

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

John 1:14, 18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth...18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.







THE MAGIC KINGDOM
ESTABLISHED 1955

Let the Memories Begin!

The Gospel of
LUKE

Last Week's Message:
The Birth of the Savior of the World!
Luke 2:1-7

Luke 2:4-7

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



Today's Message:
The Simple Shepherds
Luke 2:8-20

Luke 2:8-20

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Luke 2:8-20

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:8-20

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:8-20

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Luke 2:8-20

17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.

18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Dateline: Near Bethlehem

Luke 2:8-20

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

God's Angel

Luke 2:8-20

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

What is the Incarnation?

Incarnation = taking on flesh, becoming flesh

What is the Incarnation?

John 1:14, 18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth...

18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

What is the Incarnation?

“Jesus is true God; Jesus is true human; there is unity without fusion; there is distinction without separation. Thus Jesus is the God/Man and the relationship between the two natures is unity/distinction.”

~Graeme Goldsworthy, Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics



Three Titles

Luke 2:8-20

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Three Titles

1. SAVIOR

Matthew 1:20-21

20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Three Titles

2. MESSIAH, CHRIST, ANOINTED ONE

Luke 4:14-21

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.

2. MESSIAH, CHRIST, ANOINTED ONE

Luke 4:14-21

He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

2. MESSIAH, CHRIST, ANOINTED ONE

Luke 4:14-21

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Three Titles

3. LORD

Matthew 5:18-19

18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

God's Associates

Luke 2:8-20

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

“A great company” is literally “a multitude” – not fifty, not 150, not 1,500 – but beyond count. I think every one of God’s angels was there because this was the most amazing event that had ever happened in the entire universe. I think the heavenly host stretched from horizon to horizon, obscuring the winter constellations.

~ R. Kent Hughes, Luke: That You May Know the Truth, Preaching the Word



God's Announcers

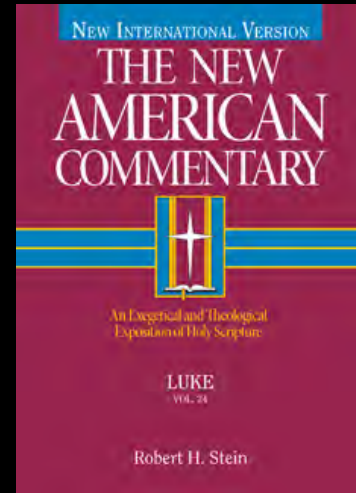
Luke 2:8-20

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

God's Announcers

One should not romanticize the occupation of shepherds. In general shepherds were dishonest (Sanh. 25b) and unclean according to the standards of the law. They represent the outcasts and sinners for whom Jesus came. Such outcasts were the first recipients of the good news.

~Robert Stein, *The New American Commentary, Luke*



The response from the Congregation

Luke 2:8-20

17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.

18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Amazement is an expected response to a display of the supernatural...Although not characterized as necessarily negative in tone, “amazement” is not tantamount to faith and is no guarantee that a correct understanding of the extraordinary has or will be reached. Amazement is the response of the undifferentiated crowds in 2:18, but not of Mary.



For Mary, more reflection is needed in order to appreciate fully the meaning of this concurrence of events, and her pondering is with a view to hitting on the right meaning of these things. Even in the presence of these exalted and direct affirmations of the identity of the newborn child, then, contemplation of what God is doing in and through these events continues.

~Joel Green, *New International Commentary of the New Testament*, *The Gospel of Luke*





THE MAGIC KINGDOM

Let the Memories Begin!

Gifts
Materialism
Commercials
Focus
Envy
Snow
Overeating
Memories
Work
Hope
Pain
Sadness
Anger
Depression
Discontentment
Balance
Patience
Rest
Expectation
Pressure
Time
Busyness
Relatives
Finances
Secularism

Our Response

Philippians 3:20-21

20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Gospel of Luke Application:

Are you waiting with eager expectation?

The Gospel of
LUKE