

Sign of the Manger

Luke 2:8-20





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8 In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 "This will be a sign for you: you will find a



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baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."15 When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."16 So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and



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Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. 17 When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.



Fields and Shepherds

- God is about to break in!
 - Promises and predictions
 - Intervention and protection
 - Not kings, generals, wealthy???
 - Shepherds in the fields?
 - Untrustworthy, low society



Promise Kept!

- Caesar Augustus tax time!
 - God moves everybody!
 - 80 mile trip for Mary
 - Overcrowding, no family
 - Bethlehem – “house of bread”
 - Davidic kingship



Hearts of Praise

- No Praise?
 - Elizabeth and Mary praised
 - Zacharias gave thanks
 - Angels in the Heavens
 - Touched by God's promises



The Manger

- This will be a sign...
- A place of humility
- Shabby, dirty, unkempt, low
- Like our lives... Phil 2:7,8



God News...

- Good news of great joy!
 - “all people”
 - With you in mind...
 - Not power, position, possessions
 - No room in the “inn”, lodge
 - So, the shepherds find him...



Searching Hearts

- "Have you seen a baby?
Um, in a manager..."
- Place of food, care, life
- The Creator of all things...



Gift of the Manger

- A Savior – Christ the Lord
- “no place to lay His head”
- He looks for a place in us!
 - To save, set free, give life!
 - When Jesus leaves...



JESUS
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of Christmas