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The Arrival

The Arrival of the Shepherds

Luke 2:8–20 (HCSB)

In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: ¹¹ Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David.

¹² This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough.” ¹³ Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors! ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

¹⁶ They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the feeding trough. ¹⁷ After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard, just as they had been told.

1. THE SHEPHERDS WERE THE _____ TO HEAR OF THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS vv 8-12

- The shepherds were the _____ likely to be first to hear of the arrival of Jesus.
- God can choose the lowly for lofty purposes.
- God wants to use you and me to _____ the Good News.

2. THE HEAVENLY HOST ARRIVED TO _____ THE GOOD NEWS vv 13-14

- The natural response to the arrival of the Savior was _____.
- The arrival of the Messiah is the arrival of _____.

3. THE SHEPHERDS WERE THE FIRST HUMAN _____ TO ARRIVE TO SEE JESUS vv 15-16

- The shepherds wasted no time in _____ to see Jesus.
- The Shepherds arrival marked the beginning of being His _____.

4. THE SHEPHERDS WERE THE FIRST TO GO AND _____ THE GOOD NEWS vv 17-20

- The shepherds departed as quickly as they arrived with an _____ message.
- Once you have a genuine encounter with Christ, you can’t keep it to yourself.
- When you have seen Jesus, glorifying and praising God is _____.

The Next Step:

Like the shepherds, the moment you have a real encounter with Jesus, go and tell someone right away.