

Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

Series - The Songs of Christmas

- Luke 2:8-20 -

What can we learn from the shepherds' involvement in what happened that first Christmas?

1. Their Inclusion Reveals. . .

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2. Their Experience Reminds. . .

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3. Their Response Shows. . .

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Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. What in this passage do you think might be most surprising to a new Christian reading it for the first time?
3. What aspects of the story of Christ's birth as presented here do you think are most easily overlooked in the way the Christmas holiday is celebrated?
4. Of all the people the angels visited, why do you think God sent them to the shepherds? How does that relate to Mary's song (1:46-55)?
5. Ordinary, poor, powerless people who had no standing in society were the ones invited to the birth of Jesus. How is Jesus' birth good news to those people? How is the church today good news to the same? What behaviors/attitudes might need to change in order for this to be more clear?
6. What does God's "stooping down" in order to love us say about the nature of love itself?

