

A session with the shepherds

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Introduction

1. Luke 2:8-20
2. There are a lot of misconception about the birth of Christ that can be corrected by a careful reading of the scriptures.
 1. We do not know of the day of Jesus birth, The Bible does not mention it
 2. The Bible never mentions the number of wise men, we assume it to be three because of the three types of gifts were given Matthew 2:11
 3. The Bible mentions that the wise men came to visit Jesus in a house Matthew 2:11
3. We know that Jesus' birth is important because if He was not born He would not die.
4. The most important thing is that He came to this earth, lived, died, and arose from the dead the third day to save man from their sins
5. There are lessons to be learned when we spend a session with the shepherds.

II Discussion

1. First lesson is that everyone is important to God
 1. He came to redeem every one who will come to Him verses 10-11
 2. This was promised from the beginning of time Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3
 3. The announcement of HIs birth came to the shepherds
 1. These men were not the top of society
 2. God's men have been shepherds through the centuries
 1. Moses and David were a shepherds
 2. Jesus used shepherds as an illustration John 10
 3. Elders are called shepherds 1 Peter 5:1-4
2. The second lesson is that God has wonderful news for all who will believe
 1. The shepherds received the message but that is not all they did John 12:42
 2. Believing in God is great, but more is required Hebrews 11:6; John 12:48; James 2:17
3. The third lesson is how we respond to this invitation makes all the difference verses 15-16
 1. They made haste in their obedience verse 16
 2. They let nothing hinder them Acts 8:36
 3. Many in the Bible start out early in the morning in their obedience to God. Abraham
4. The forth lesson is what you do with the message is of great importance verses 17, 18, 20
 1. They made know abroad the saying
 2. They glorified and praised God
 3. What do we do when we hear the good news Romans 1:16
 4. We are to go Matthew 28; Mark 16; 2 Timothy 2:2

III Conclusion

1. Notice we have the cradle of Christ, the Cross of Christ, then the Crown of Christ
2. We too can have the wonderful blessing of the Cross which is the Brown, because of the Cradle of Christ
3. What will you do with the message of the Cradle of Christ today?
4. We want you to respond in complete obedience now 2 Corinthians 6:2

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