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Wonder



- Christmas truly is the most **wonderful** time of the **year**
 - To be **full** of **wonder**
 - To **experience** the wonder will require some of your **time**
- Wonder – **curious** speculation; to **doubt**; awe and **amazement**; **extraordinarily** good; to have an **expectation**
 - Every **facet** of the word wonder **exists** within the Christmas story
 - Mary – **curious** speculation
 - Joseph – **doubt**
 - **Shepherds** – awe and amazement

Luke 2:8-12

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

- An **angel** appeared to them
- **Great** news for **all** people
- This will be a **sign** to you

Luke 2:13-14

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

- Heaven was in **wonder** over the love that God for **us**

Luke 2:15-18

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." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

- Let's go **see** what God has told **us** about
 - They **spread** the word about Jesus
- The **gift** of a Savior is for **all** of us

1 John 4:9-11

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.