

# GOD WITH...

A series of Christmas Sermons by  
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# GOD WITH SHEPHERDS!

Luke 2:8-20

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## A. The Shepherd's Story

### 1. The Shepherds' Reverence

**Luke 2:8–9, NIV** -<sup>8</sup> *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.* <sup>9</sup> *An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*

### 2. The Shepherds' Revelation

**Luke 2:10–14, NIV** -<sup>10</sup> *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.* <sup>11</sup> *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.* <sup>12</sup> *This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."* <sup>13</sup> *Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

### 3. The Shepherds' Response

**Luke 2:15–16, NIV** -<sup>15</sup> *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."* <sup>16</sup> *So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.*

### 4. The Shepherds' Report

**Luke 2:17–19, NIV** -<sup>17</sup> *When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,* <sup>18</sup> *and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.* <sup>19</sup> *But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

### 5. The Shepherds' Return

**Luke 2:20, NIV** -<sup>20</sup> *The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

## B. Word Study

**Luke 2:11, NASB** -<sup>11</sup> *for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

**Savior** (σωτήρ, "so-tear") • One who saves (us from our sins).

**Christ** (Χριστός, "Chris-tos") • Lit., *anointed one* (Messiah).

**Lord** (κύριος, "kyr-i-os") • It refers to the *divine nature* of Jesus having *all authority over all things—at all times.*

## C. Truths from The Shepherds' Life

### 1. They found a **faith** that could outweigh their **fear**.

**Luke 2:10, NASB95** -<sup>10</sup> *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...*

### 2. They found a **joy** that can outweigh their **distress**.

**Luke 2:10–11, NASB** -<sup>10</sup> *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; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

### 3. They found a **peace** that can outweigh their **storm**.

**Luke 2:13–14, NASB** -<sup>13</sup> *And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." ("...who enjoy His favor." – JB)*