

Hope from the Host

Luke 2:8-14

HOPE: CONFIDENT EXPECTATION UNFULFILLED CERTAINTY!

Angels in the Nativity Story

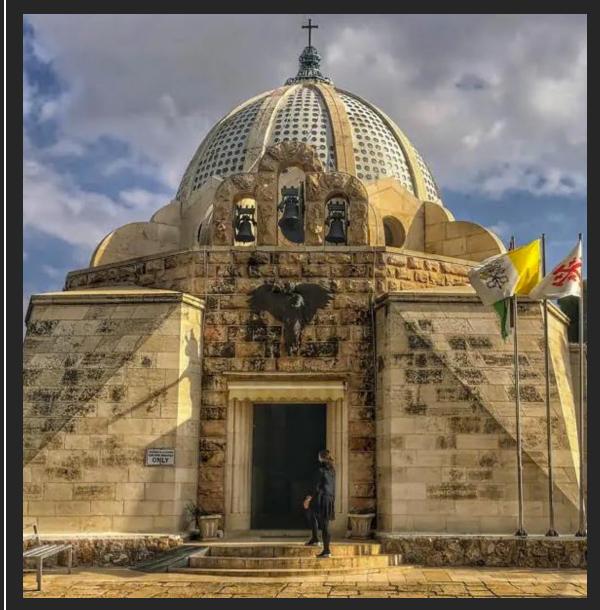
- Zechariah & Elizabeth John (Luke 1)
- Mary & Gabriel Jesus (Luke 1)
- Joseph & Angel Mary (Matt 1)
- Shepherds & Host Messiah (Luke 2)
- Joseph & Egypt Herod (Matt 2)

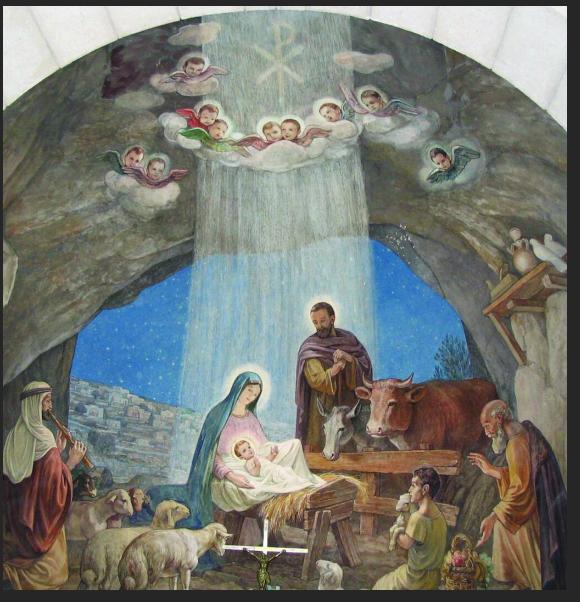
"Grace grows best in winter" Samuel Rutherford

2:8 In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

The Shepherds' Field, Bethlehem





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Terrified 8,9

- Angel of the Lord not named
- glory of the Lord not the angel's
 - Exodus
 - Temple/Tabernacle
 - Pentecost
- 'don't be afraid'

"Hope itself is like a star not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, and only to be discovered in the night of adversity" C.H. Spurgeon

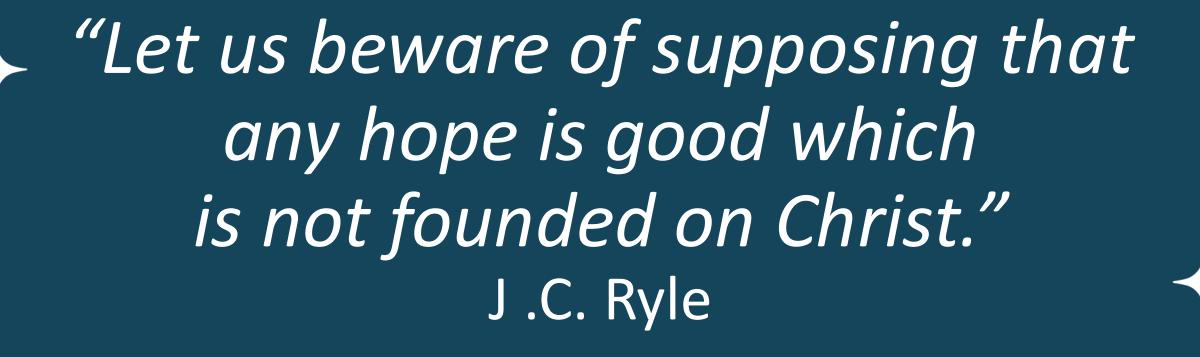
2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;

11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Notified 10-12

- Joy satisfaction contentment
- For All John 3:16
- As Promised prophets!
- Christ the Lord Messiah King



2:13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Glorified 13,14

- Heaven's Song
- Earth's Hope
- What were they singing just before?
- What are all men doing for the King?
- "Even angels long to look into these things."

(1 Peter 1:12)

"Hope can see Heaven through the thickest clouds." Thomas Brooks

Hope from the Host

- Be in awe!
- Share the Good News Trust & Hope
- Go and see Go and tell!
- Join the chorus Praise!

