




*Why  
The  
Shepherd*








<sup>4</sup>Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.




Luke 2:4-20 (CSB)





<sup>8</sup>In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people:



Luke 2:4-20 (CSB)





*<sup>11</sup>Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!*


*Luke 2:4-20 (CSB)*







## The History of Shepherds


1. Nomadic Shepherds
  2. Transhumant Shepherds
  3. Sedentary Shepherds
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*Greek for Shepherds: poimén*

*Definition: To watch for enemies trying to attack the sheep  
- to defend the sheep from attackers - to heal the wounded  
and sick sheep - to find and save lost or trapped sheep - to  
love them, sharing their lives and so earning their trust.*








## Jesus, The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."      John 10:11 (CSB)

"I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me, as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. I lay down My life for the sheep."      John 10:14-15 (CSB)








<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”  
<sup>16</sup>They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.




Luke 2:4-20 (CSB)





*<sup>19</sup>But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told.*



*Luke 2:4-20 (CSB)*





*Why did the shepherds go?*


- 1. It could have been out of fear.*
- 2. It could have been from the faith it took to be a shepherd.*
- 3. It could have been from their connection to Jesus.*







*Why should we care?*

- 1. Because of the example Jesus sets for us.*
  - 2. For the example he would later make on the cross.*
  - 3. For his atoning sacrifice.*
  - 4. Because He is coming back for us.*
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<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; proclaim his deeds among the peoples. <sup>2</sup>Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell about all his wondrous works! <sup>3</sup>Boast in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. <sup>4</sup>Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Psalm 105:1-4(CSB)

