





The “Unlikely” Characters of the Christmas Story

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⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this

6 Luke 2:8-20

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day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was 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 those with

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Luke 2:8-20

whom he is pleased!” ¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had

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been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:8-20

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⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

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Why are the Shepherds invited to the birth of Jesus?

- 1. To show us that Jesus is going to be a different kind of King.**

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¹⁹But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” ²¹And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. ²²And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey

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1 Samuel 8:19-22

**their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then
said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”**

1 Samuel 8:19-22

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**⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his
appearance or on the height of his stature, because
I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man
sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but
the LORD looks on the heart.”**

1 Samuel 16:7

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- 2. To show us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.**

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¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalms 23:1-3

16 Psalms 23:1-3

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**¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.**

John 10:11

17 John 10:11

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**¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and
my own know me,**

John 10:14

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- 3. Jesus is the Lamb of God.**

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²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

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1. They Believed

“When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

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2. They went to tell others

“And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.”

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3. They Worshipped

“And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”

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Believe

Tell Others

Worship

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