

The Christmas After Party

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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.

*But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, *glorifying and praising* God for all the things they had *heard and seen*, which were just as they had been told. **Luke 2:16-20 (NIV)***

Why The Afterparty was the place to be!

1. The Afterparty was a **Lifechanging Experience!**

*And the shepherds returned, *glorifying and praising* God. **Luke 2:20 (NIV)***

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **2 Cor. 5:17 (NIV)***

*He put a new song in my mouth! **Psalms 40:3 (NIV)***

2. The Afterparty was an **Eye-Opening Experience!**

*And the shepherds returned, *glorifying and praising* God for all they had *heard and seen*, as it had been told. **Luke 2:20 (NIV)***

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **Matthew 5:8 (NIV)***