

ONE CRAZY CHRISTMAS

The Warning Signs

Luke 2: 8-20

There are times in our lives where it takes more than one attempt to get our attention. Sometimes we have to hear the same message in multiple ways in order to really grasp what we are to listen and be aware of, and then respond and do something with the message.

The shepherds were greeted by an angel with good news. This message of good news was then intensified by an army of angels proclaiming the message. Finally, the shepherds knew they were to pass on the Good News with GREAT JOY! Just like the shepherds at the first Christmas story, we must head the messages, and the respond in obedience; no matter how crazy the season may be!

How many of you have an alarm that goes off for you every single day? How many of you require multiple alarms to go off for ONE SINGLE EVENT?

Sometimes the alarms that go off in our lives do not always give us the ALARM that we need to act on right away. There are many messages that we receive throughout our lives and throughout each day that we just ignore or push aside when we should be paying attention and responding more immediately.

Why did God want to use SHEPHERDS to give out this GOOD NEWS?

- Shepherds were a lower class in society
- Shepherds were considered “unclean” by religious rules

- Shepherds were part of the Jewish line, and knew about the coming Messiah
- Moses and David; both came from the shepherd role to lead their nations

TWO MESSAGES

First Message: ONE ANGEL

- Came right next to the shepherds in the DARK OF NIGHT
- DO NOT FEAR – I have Good News for ALL MANKIND

SECOND MESSAGE: An Army of angels

- Light up the sky!
- Get your attention!
- Praising God in the HIGHEST HEAVENS and on earth, that the Messiah – the SAVIOR of the world has been born!

ONE PURPOSE

Shepherds:

- Go and see what has happened!
- Leave at once and tell everyone about Jesus’ birth!
- You are the first evangelists!

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

- What messages is God trying to get to you?
- Have you ignored, or not believed the alarm, and therefore not responded to what God is asking you to do?
- Who can you go tell about the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ?
- Will you have GREAT JOY in telling this news?
- We must share the Good News WITH great joy, because Jesus is deserving and we are excited for the HOPE, the PEACE, and the LOVE that comes with the birth of Jesus Christ!