

WITNESS HIS MAJESTY
Shepherds Tell The World
Luke 2
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The problem with big secrets and big answers is people usually have their own answers figured out and would find it difficult to accept an answer not theirs.

The problem with sin is it makes us deaf to the truth even when it is spoken plainly.

THE SHEPHERDS

Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society. They were out in the fields living with the sheep, smelling like the sheep.

Why the shepherds?

We have A God who cares for the least of us.

Most people will wander through the Christmas season and miss the majesty.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

Luke 2:8-14 NIV

The favor of God will rest on the ones who accept His invitation to relationship.

God often chooses the least of what we would value to deliver to us what is of great importance?

Three enemies of majesty we need to confront:

1. Familiarity

We know the story. We hear it every year in some form.

Familiarity can breed indifference.

Michael Yaconelli in his book 'Dangerous Wonder' says:

The greatest threat to Christianity may be people who say they believe in Jesus but are no longer astonished and amazed at what He has done for them.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 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 2:15-20 NIV

2. Discouragement

It is easy to turn our attention to self.

The Good News and Great Joy are because Jesus has been born.

This is a story that creates majesty.

3. Cynicism

This is when we make fun of someone else.

When you take the story of Jesus personally the majesty of God's love will brighten your world and give you eyes to see and ears to hear.

The birth of Jesus changed everything