

## God With Us When We Fear The Unknown

Luke 2:9-21 The First Christmas Missionaries, 'Called from the Wilderness'

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Why are the Shepherds given first visitation?

### God with us...WHEN WE LEAST EXPECT IT: Acts 17:26-28

- God uses all life experiences to attract us to Himself.
- These men were doing a noble service, but they had no personal knowledge of its purpose.
- They were 'forbidden' to attend Temple worship because of their work, they were defiled.
- They were seen as the 'low class,'

Acts 17:26-28 (ESV)

### God with us...WITH \_\_\_\_\_

- Good news relieves Fear.
- Good news bring joy
- Good news can be experienced by 'all the people'

### God with us...WITH \_\_\_\_\_ : (Psalm 135:9)

- "the swaddling clothes were not for baby Jesus, they were evidence of God's Word being accurate for the Shepherds to believe."
- "the Sign" – means, God wants to leave us evidence for us to find Him.
- To wrap the limbs so they grow straight.
- "Swaddling" – means...
  - (1) "to extend",
  - (2) "to carry on the outstretched palms of the hands."

A. Signs confirm \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Cloths confirm the \_\_\_\_\_ at the right place.

C. Jesus is an \_\_\_\_\_ to mankind.

D. Jesus would carry everyone who believes in the \_\_\_\_\_ :

**John 10:27,28**

### God with us...WITH \_\_\_\_\_ : "Let's Us Go"

- They knew God sent them a message. (vs.15)
- They knew they had to publish the message to the world. (vs.17)
- They knew worship was their only response: (vs.20)

## REGULATIONS OF MISHNAH

Alfred Edersheim (1825-1889) He was Jewish by birth and training. Later, he became a follower of Jesus, studied and taught biblical theology in Scotland, and wrote *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*. One regulation in the *Mishnah* "expressly forbids the keeping of flocks throughout the land of Israel, except in the wildernesses – and **the only flocks otherwise kept, would be those for the Temple-services**" (*Bab K. 7:7; 80a*).

