



While Shepherds Watched
Their Flocks By Night



Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ 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.”

¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

¹⁷ And when they saw it, **they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.**





¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.





First Responders....Shepherds

Shepherds were not what they once were; a noble occupation, but now a band of bandits.

- A Despised occupation with no respect.
- Exploiters of the festivals; enterprisers of the religious celebrations.
- Users of land they had no rights to; watchers of the night.





I. DIVINE IMPACT: (vs.8-14)

- The Glory of God Shone Around Them:
[**God gets glory, people get joy**]
- The “Good News” [**The Gospel is Good News**]
- The Joy for all the people – is it possible the Shepherds were a joyless people?
- The Savior, Christ the Lord: (**God’s Title for the baby Jesus**)





II. DECISION TIME: “Shepherds said to one another” (vs.15-20)

- God visited them when they felt forgotten: (15) [valued]
- God’s Word to them was accurate; “Found” (discovery) (16)
- God’s message was published: (17) “concerning the child”
- God’s Word provoked people to wonder at the message:

