

# Good News for All People

*Luke 2:8-20*

*The news of Christ's birth was delivered to shepherds, it boasted of a Savior, and was sent out to all people.*

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

– Isaiah 61:1-2 / Luke 4:18-19

# 1. Shepherds– vv. 8-10

A. Surprising Recipients (8)

B. Shocking Scenery (9)

C. Sweeping Good News (10)

## 2. a Savior – vv. 11-14

### A. Promises Kept (11)

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”

– Micah 5:2

## 2. a Savior – vv. 11-14

A. Promises Kept (11)

B. Proof for belief (12)

“The angel meets the prejudice which might naturally hinder the faith of the shepherds; for what mockery is it, that he, whom God has sent to be the King, and the only Savior, is seen lying in a manger! [So] that the mean and despicable condition in which Christ was might not deter the shepherds from believing in Christ, the angel tells them beforehand what they would see.”

“This method of proceeding...which might appear absurd and ridiculous...the Lord pursues toward us every day. Sending down to us from heaven the word of the gospel, he enjoins us to embrace Christ crucified, and holds out to us signs in earthly fading elements, which raise us to the glory of a blessed immortality.”



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A. Promises Kept (11)

B. Proof for belief (12)

C. Praise and Doxology (13-14)

“Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, ***things into which angels long to look.***

– I Peter 1:10-12

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

– Galatians 4:4-5

### 3. a Sending Out – vv. 15-20

A. Faith in Action (15)

B. Finding the Christ (16-18)

C. Fullness of Joy (20)

- *Practice spiritual poverty.*
- *Praise God for a Savior.*
- *Proclaim the good news.*