

**Sermon Title:** *"Christmas from the Peasants' Perspective"*

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**Sermon Text:** Luke 2:8-20

**Introduction:**

- *In Luke's narrative, there are three significant highlights that we need to consider:*

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:8)**

- Where were the shepherds tending their flocks?

**A. The Shepherd's \_\_\_\_\_**

- *According to Jewish culture the shepherds were among the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and most \_\_\_\_\_ people of all of the social groups in Israel.*
- Shepherds were looked upon with great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

**B. The Shepherd's \_\_\_\_\_**

- The actual work of *"keeping watch over their flock"* was done in \_\_\_\_\_ - some watching and some sleeping.

**The sheep that were pastured in the fields just east of Bethlehem were the very sheep that were used for \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ at Jerusalem!**

*"An unblemished, spotless, flawless lamb was to be sacrificed on the altar of the Temple in Jerusalem every morning and every evening of every day – every year."*

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9-14)**

*"It all happened with dramatic swiftness. One moment everything was quiet, then all of a sudden, it happened!"*

- The phrase, *"The glory of the Lord"* means *"an exceedingly great, or bright \_\_\_\_\_ appearance or \_\_\_\_\_."*
- *Genesis 35:21; Micah 4:8*
- Through the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of His son, God brought about the solution of man's greatest problem, that of sin and its consequences!

- This “**great joy**” of which the angels spoke is available to all men – but it can only be experienced by those who believe.
- The phrase “**and this will be a sign for you**” is more accurately translated, “*and this will be \_\_\_\_\_ sign for you.*”
- What was **the sign** by which the shepherds would be able to identify who the Savior was?
- The birth of Jesus Christ was the only birth in history that was accompanied by an \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 14).

**“Jesus revealed His love for us through the greatest act of self-sacrifice that a man could ever perform – He gave His very life for us.”**

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ In \_\_\_\_\_ (2:15-20)**

- In the Greek, the phrase translated “**let’s go**” carries a sense of \_\_\_\_\_!
- **What a beautiful illustration of an awakened sinner:**
  - He is \_\_\_\_\_ in his night of sin.
  - He is \_\_\_\_\_ about the Savior.
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ is aroused.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ is extended.

*“Think about it, no one else came to see Jesus at His birth - just this group of lowly, poor, despised men!”*

**The responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_ is the responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_!**

- The expression, “**Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart,**” literally means that she was putting them \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 19)
- **Luke 2:41-51**
- Today, people are \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_ largely because they see nothing \_\_\_\_\_ about the \_\_\_\_\_!

**Conclusion:**

***The Savior who was born can and will change your life if you will only let him !***

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.