

Searching for the Saviour

Luke 2:8-20

To provide a backdrop, these shepherds were likely out in the fields because it was lambing time in the spring

How appropriate that **the Lamb of God, born to be sacrificed for the sin of the world, was born at the time of the Passover**

What?

Don't be deterred from being stirred to act on God's word

The shepherds' search for The Lamb—

The angel's message of good news was another **instance of God speaking His will, which He certainly accomplishes**, no matter how impossible

The source of God's spoken word is the "highest place," **His position of power, wisdom and sovereignty**

His will is wise, He has the authority to execute His will because He owns the universe, and **He is powerful enough** to fulfill it

Psalm 103:19, NIV—The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all

His glory indicates that **His accomplishing of His will is pure, perfect, holy**

The angels' song also indicates that God did all that He had accomplished in order **to make His glory even more evident**

The shepherds believed the "word" (thing) God had spoken and accomplished, and **immediately hurried to act**

After seeing what God had done, they told others about it

Finally, the shepherds **praised God and gave Him all of the honour** because of what He had done

The Big Question—Why specifically did God send the angels to shepherds?

Here again we find a rag-tag group of smelly, dirty social outcasts, to whom God entrusts His message

God did this to show that **the Good News of Jesus' birth was for common people**

God came down to the lowest level of existence, and was born in an animal shelter—the shepherds could relate to that

So What?

The angel used two important titles—**Saviour and Lord**

Titus 3:4-5, NIV—When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy

You make this personal **by believing that Jesus died and has risen from death for you, and by naming Him as your Lord**

As you follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit in you **continues to make you aware of what God has spoken**

The **time to respond in faith to what God speaks to you personally is immediately**, as the shepherds did

The point of our lives is **making God evident to others**

The song of the angels was an invitation to the shepherds, and to us as well, **join in in praising and glorifying God**

The final say—John

1 John 4:14-15, NIV—We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God

Now What?

Ask God to give you sensitivity in hearing His word for you personally

When you are aware of God's speaking, hurry to act on it