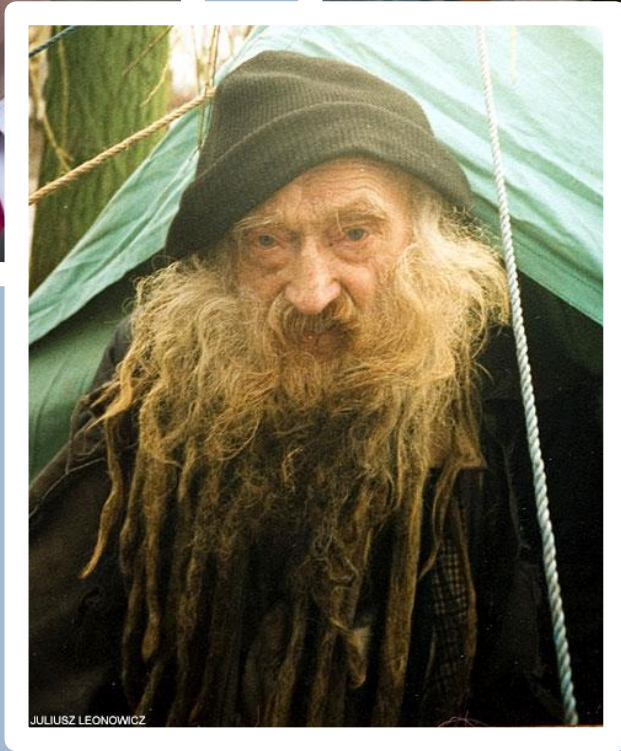


The Christ Child – A Shepherd's Perspective

Luke 2: 8-20



Randy Alcorn – Article: “*Shepherd’s Status*”

Genesis 46:34 (NIV) - “...for all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians.”



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Luke 2:10–11 (NIV) But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

A Saviour was born – ***“Christ the Lord.”***

Greek word ***Christos*** → means
“anointed one”



2. They Went to Worship

Luke 2:16 (NIV) - So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

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Luke 2:12 (NIV) - This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

John 3:16 (NIV) – “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”



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2 Corinthians 6:2 (NIV) - For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.



3. They Proclaimed What They Saw

Luke 2:17–18 (NIV) - When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

“made known” – Greek: used to describe the declaration of what God has revealed



3. They Proclaimed What They Saw

2 Peter 1:16 (NIV) – “we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Acts 4:20 (NIV) - For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

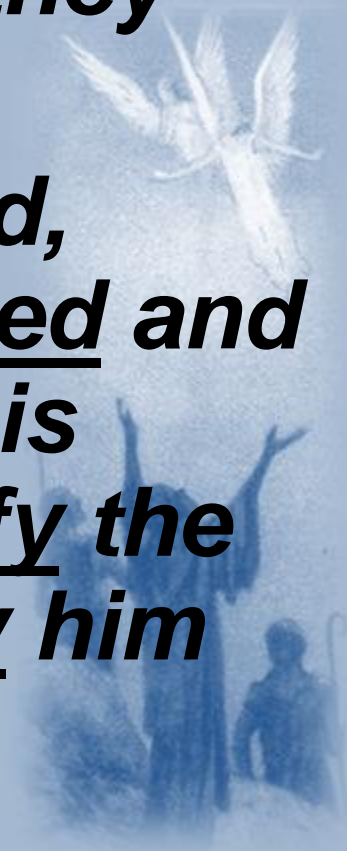
Acts 1:8 (NIV) -“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



4. They Glorified God

Luke 2:20 (NIV) - The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

John 13:31,32 (NIV) - Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once."

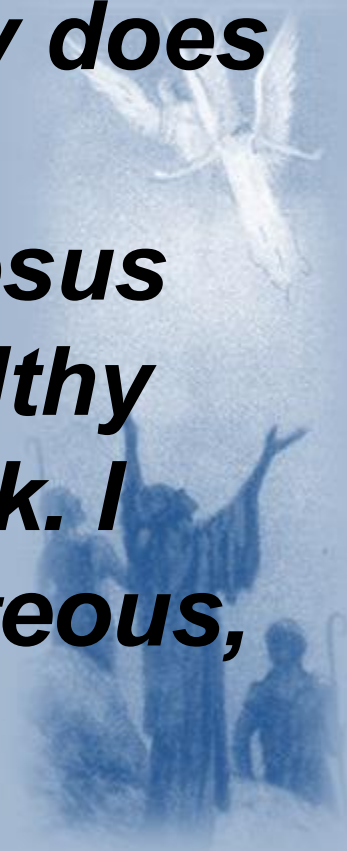


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John 14:13 (NIV) - And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.



Mark 2:16,17 (NIV) - When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw [Jesus] eating with the “sinners” and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”



What are you going to do with the message of salvation this Christmas?

- Respond to the Gospel: Trust in Christ to be your Saviour this Christmas.
- Respond to the Gospel: Take the message of Salvation to others this Christmas.



2 Corinthians 5:18–20 (NIV) - All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ... We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



Isaiah 6:8 (NIV) - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

