

Jesus, Shepherds, and Angels: A Savior is Born

Nativity scenes are iconic throughout the Christmas season. The story of baby Jesus is wonderfully familiar. But slowing down to read and study it again brings comfort and renewed hope. Join us as we reflect on the good news of Jesus Christ's birth and the magnificent message the angels delivered to the shepherds. Together, we'll discuss the important message Luke communicates in his account of Jesus' birth and what we learn about how God works in *our* lives from the intentional and specific ways he shares the good news that the Savior has been born.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What gives you hope this Christmas?
- Which character in the Christmas story resonates most with you this year? Why?



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READ [Luke 2:1-20](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Darrell Delaney and Scott Hoezee discuss how we're often focused in the wrong direction and how Luke redirects our focus from the people society said were powerful and important (Caesar Augustus and Quirinius) to the lowly baby born in a manger. Where is your attention focused today? How can you be intentional about watching God at work?
- Who are the shepherds, the disadvantaged, the people on the fringes of our society?
- Why is it beneficial for us to remember that the shepherds returned to shepherding after seeing baby Jesus? What does this mean for us in our daily lives?
- God makes room for the shepherds. God makes room for us. God notices shepherds, God notices you. Reflect on Darrell's comment from segment 3: "God says, 'I see you;' God says, 'I am paying attention to you;' God says, 'I know that sometimes you struggle with sin and problems and difficulties, but I am actually working out salvation for you and I am giving you a gift in my Son.'" What does it mean to you that God notices and makes room for you?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Isaiah 53](#), [Isaiah 7:13-17](#), [Matthew 1:22-23](#)

CONCLUSION

Like the shepherds, we must all return to our daily lives after Christmas. Will you return to your daily life the same or changed this Christmas? How? Have you experienced renewed hope? How will you keep talking about the good news of Immanuel, God with us as you return to your daily life? Close your time of reflection in prayer, giving thanks for the opportunity to remember again the Christmas story of Jesus Christ, the Savior born to us.

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