

God with Us

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TITLE: THE AMAZEMENT OF THE INCARNATION

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.” (Luke 2:8–18)

INTRODUCTION _____

1. An Amazing _____

A. Given to _____ Men

Quote: “These were most unlikely recipients of such a revelation, for shepherds were despised as a class because they were unable to observe the customary laws of ceremonial purification. They were considered unclean. They had not been schooled in the law

and therefore were considered ignorant. Such therefore would be unprejudiced witnesses to the birth of Christ.”
—**Dwight Pentecost**

B. Given by the _____ of the Lord

“And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.” (Hebrews 1:7)

HE CAME SUDDENLY

HE APPEARED SHINING BRIGHTLY

Quote: “The glory of the Lord’ here means an exceedingly great or bright luminous appearance perhaps not unlike what Paul saw on the way to Damascus.”—**Albert Barnes**

C. Given for Our _____

REMOVES FEAR

BRINGS JOY

“And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:15)

FOR ALL PEOPLE

“And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” (John 11:26)

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” (Revelation 22:17)

Quote: “There are good tidings of great joy for all people, not just for a limited number, but for all people. All men everywhere are invited to put their trust in the Saviour whom God has sent into the world.”—**H. A. Ironside**

2. An Amazing _____

A. The _____ of Praise

*“Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.”
(Psalm 148:2)*

“And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.” (Hebrews 1:6)

B. The _____ of Praise

GLORY GIVEN TO GOD IN HEAVEN

*“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”
(Romans 5:12)*

“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” (Romans 5:6)

DECLARATION OF PEACE AND GOODWILL TO MEN
ON EARTH

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:” (Romans 5:1)

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

3. An Amazing _____

A. The Shepherds _____ the Saviour

THEY LEFT IMMEDIATELY

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

THEY LOOKED INTENTIONALLY

**B. The Shepherds _____
the Saviour**

THEY WENT AWAY PREACHING

THEY WENT AWAY PRAISING

CONCLUSION _____

