

Oxford Baptist Church – Dec 10, 2023 – Tyler Bowles
The Scenes of Christmas – “The Humble” – Luke 2:8-20

Intro

- John 1:1-2 – God created this world as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Generations have been waiting for the Messiah.
- John 1:14 – The Messiah is here; it's God himself.
- God came unexpectedly as a baby.

The Shepherds Invitation | Luke 2:8-14

- God invites the Shepherds, an unexpected recipient of the invitation.
- Shepherds were of a lowly class – Search for “Shepherd Status” by Randy Alcorn to learn more.
- Jesus always came to the lowly and outcast.
- Luke 5:27-32 – Jesus came to save sinners.
- *Jesus came to save you, Not because of our social status, position, self-righteousness, or anything else. He came because he loves you.*

The Shepherds Seek | Luke 2:15-19

- They go undistracted – Nothing mattered more than to go and see Jesus
- They go undelayed – They went with haste and didn't put it off.
- They go unashamed – They had nothing to offer, but that didn't matter to them.
- They go unafraid – They go face-to-face with Christ without fear of what would happen.
- *How do you come to Jesus*

The Shepherds Respond | Luke 2:20

- The shepherds visit Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and leave worshipping.

- They give glory to God for the incredible things that they saw.
- *What is your response to the birth of Jesus?*
- *Do you give him all the glory and praise?*

Conclusion

- The shepherds were given an incredible message that night. Instead of being outcasts, they were invited by my God to see the wonders of Jesus Christ.
- Ultimately, you could say that the shepherds came humbly to Jesus that day. How will you come to Jesus?

Questions for Personal and Group Study

- 1) Take some time to reflect on how Jesus is the promised Messiah. How surprising was it that the Messiah came as a baby born in a manger?
- 2) Why does God invite the shepherds to meet Jesus? Read “Shepherd Status” by Randy Alcorn to help you answer this question.
- 3) How do the words of Luke 5:27-32 relate to the shepherd's invitation?
- 4) Do you fully trust that you're saved not because of anything you have but because of God's love for you?
- 5) The shepherds went to Jesus undistracted, undelayed, unashamed, and unafraid. How do you come to Jesus?
- 6) Is there anything stopping you from coming to Jesus? If so, what is it, and is there anything Oxford can do to help?
- 7) Do you respond to salvation with Worship? Have you given glory and honour to God for your salvation?