

The Most Amazing News for the Most Unlikely People

Luke 2:8-20

Introduction:

- A. In the age of social media, anyone can break important news. It's no longer the famous newscasters bringing breaking news into our homes, it's anyone who has access to social media. This can be both good and bad.
- B. If credibility and reliability are important in breaking news, why would God choose to reveal some of the greatest news in the history of the world to some of the most unlikely people?

The Shepherds Were Overlooked (Luke 2:8-14).

- A. The shepherds were overlooked because of who they were.
- B. They were overlooked because of what they did not have.
- C. God was demonstrating the importance of such people in His plan (Acts 10:34-35).

The Shepherds Were Excited (Luke 2:15-16).

- A. The shepherds did not hesitate to go and see.
- B. They were going to see "What" they were told, not to see "If" what they were told was true.
- C. Reading or thinking about the life of Jesus should generate excitement (Lk. 5:26).

The Shepherds Were Willing to Share (Luke 2:17-19).

- A. Once the shepherds saw Jesus lying in the manger, they couldn't help but tell others what they knew.
- B. The shepherds had good news of great joy.
- C. When we see how Jesus has changed someone's life, we should be so excited we can't help but tell others (Mk. 7:36-37).

The Shepherds Praised and Glorified God (Luke 2:20).

- A. The shepherds had an opportunity to see and be a part of something special.
- B. God used the shepherds for His purpose.
- C. By using the shepherds God demonstrates to us our place in His story of redemption.

Conclusion:

- A. Maybe, if we really stop and think about it, the shepherds weren't so unlikely after all.
- B. God chose ordinary shepherds to announce the birth of the Good Shepherd.