

## Good Tidings of Great Joy!

*Luke 2:1-20*

*December 17, 2023*

The location for this message was in the fields of \_\_\_\_\_ (the house of bread). It was the place where \_\_\_\_\_ began her mission of gleaning, and where David tended the flock of his father \_\_\_\_\_. For \_\_\_\_\_, shepherds had kept their flocks in that place. But on this night, the mundane \_\_\_\_\_ was interrupted with a miraculous announcement by none other than the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

### A. The Shepherds

1. Abiding in the fields where animals for \_\_\_\_\_ were kept
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in their guarding of the flocks
3. Looked down upon by the \_\_\_\_\_
4. Hungering and thirsty for true \_\_\_\_\_

### B. The Angel

1. The first herald of a \_\_\_\_\_ dispensation
2. He previously \_\_\_\_\_ to Zacharias, Mary, and Joseph.

### C. The message: simple, \_\_\_\_\_, and powerful

1. \_\_\_\_\_ not
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord would strike fear in the heart.
  - b. God's voice on Mount Sinai caused fear and \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Good tidings

- a. The Law was holy, just, and good, but it could not \_\_\_\_\_ salvation.
- b. Without the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Son, no one could be born again.

### 3. Great \_\_\_\_\_ !

- a. Romans 5:8-11
- b. 1 Peter 1:8

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ – Psalm 72:11

### 5. \_\_\_\_\_ – “unto you” (v. 11)

6. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. “\_\_\_\_\_” Christ the Lord
  - b. Philippians 2:6-11

### 7. \_\_\_\_\_ by many others – vv. 13-14

- a. It was not done \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Romans 8:16 – the Holy Spirit bears \_\_\_\_\_ with our spirit.

### 8. \_\_\_\_\_, but only for believers

- a. A better \_\_\_\_\_ is “*among men with whom He is pleased*”
- b. No peace for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 48:22; 57:21)

### 9. \_\_\_\_\_ found in Luke 20:17-18