



FIVE CHRISTMASSES

Shepherds: The Forgotten

December 21 - 22, 2019

The Story of Christmas Must Be...

1. H_____.

“⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people,” (Luke 2:8-10 NIV).

¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger,” (Luke 2:11-12 NKJV).

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“¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger,” (Luke 2:15-16 NKJV).

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“¹⁷ Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. ²⁰ Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them,” (Luke 2:17-20 NKJV).

Questions for personal reflection and discussion

1. What do the shepherds teach us about *hearing* the good news of Jesus? Who does God talk to and how does God communicate?
2. Have you heard the good news of Jesus? If so, have you seen or experienced the good news for yourself?
3. What does seeing Jesus look like today?
4. Why do you think the shepherds told others about what they had seen?

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