

# The **Big** Story Of The Bible #30

## The Dignity Of The Shepherds

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27 (NLT)

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Luke 2:8 (NLT)

## Following The Shepherds:

### 1. ... Focus On The -----.

\* Then an angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and they became very frightened. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy to all the people.

Luke 2:9-10 (NCV)

\* All have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard... and all need to be made right with God. Romans 3:23-24 (NLT)

\* For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

\* God made him who had no sin to become sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

\* Today your Savior was born in Bethlehem- the town of David. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12 (NLT)

### 2. Follow The -----.

\* Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13 (NLT)

**\* When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." Luke 2:15 (NLT)**

**\* I run in the path of your commandments, for you have set my heart free.  
Psalm 119:32 (WEB)**

### **3. Embrace The \_\_\_\_\_.**

**\* They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. Luke 2:16 (NLT)**

**\* And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn (kataluma).  
Luke 2:7 (ESV)**

**\* While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room (kataluma) available for them. Luke 2:6-7 (NLT)**

**\* So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us... when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room (kataluma), where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.  
Luke 22:8-13 (ESV)**

**\* After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished... The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.  
Luke 2:16-20 (NLT)**

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