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Luke 2:8-20 (NIV-UK)

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, *‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’*

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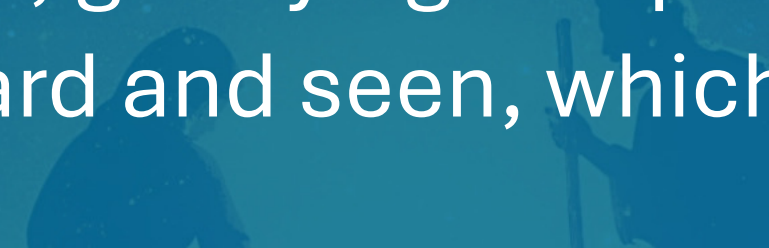
¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴*‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.’*

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, *‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’* ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

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¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

A faint, dark blue silhouette illustration of two shepherds and a flock of sheep is visible in the lower half of the image. One shepherd is standing and holding a staff, while the other is kneeling or sitting, tending to the sheep. The background shows rolling hills under a light sky.

Matthew 11:28 (NIV-UK)

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.”*



John 6:37 (NIV-UK)

*“All those the Father gives me will come to me,
and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”*



Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV-UK)

¹⁹‘Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’



Isaiah 6:8 (NIV-UK)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’
And I said, *‘Here am I. Send me!’*



Isaiah 41:10 (NIV-UK)

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV-UK)

For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.



“The shepherds’ story is a good illustration of the Christian life. You first hear the revelation of the Gospel and believe it. Then you pursue and embrace Christ. And having become a witness to your glorious conversion, you begin to tell others about it.”

- John MacArthur

