Did You See Jesus?

From Worry to Wonder: Part 3 – December 13, 2026 – Pastor Jason

MY NOTES

Luke 2:8-18 (NLT) *8 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. 9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!*

The solution to our fear always begins with our <u>SAVIOR</u>.

1. **God's glory gets our <u>ATTENTION</u>.**
   12 "And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

The greatest thing in this story isn't God putting <u>ANGELS</u> in the sky. It was putting <u>JESUS</u> in a manger.

John 1:14 (NLT) *So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*

2. **God's presence deserves our <u>ADORATION</u>.**
   15 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."

16 They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

There's a big difference between <u>KNOWING</u> about Jesus and <u>ENCOUNTERING</u> Jesus for yourself.

Matthew 11:28 (NLT) *Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

3. God's grace changes our <u>DIRECTION</u>.

17 After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. 18 All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished. … 20 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.

Did we see <u>JESUS</u>?

James 4:8 (NLT) *"Come close to God, and God will come close to you."*

Pastor's Blessing

- Be blessed as you turn your attention to the glory of God, looking for Him in every area of your everyday life
- Be blessed as you choose to worship and adore Him, knowing that there's a difference between knowing about Jesus and encountering Him for yourself.
- Be blessed as you see Him, drawing nearer to Him every day, knowing that you will never be the same.
- Be blessed today in Jesus' name.

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