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Hill country east of Bethlehem



Shepherd with flock near Bethlehem

# The Bad Reputation of Shepherds

1. They tended to be a lower class of people.
2. They were wandering nomads.
3. They were often suspected of being thieves.
4. They were considered so dishonest that they were not allowed to serve as judges or as witnesses in court.
5. They were usually under the rabbinic ban, not permitted to attend the synagogues or the Temple.

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Bethlehem Church of Nativity, cave of birth



Adjacent Cave under the Church of Nativity

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    - 3. Meditate on the Gospel (19)
    - 4. Glorify & Praise God for the Gospel (20)