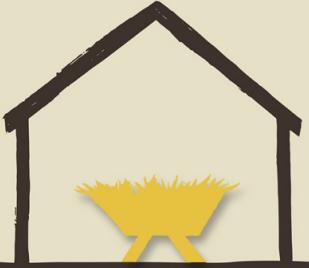


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A HEAVENLY DECLARATION | LUKE 2:8-14

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This is the second of a three-part series on the birth of Jesus Christ in Luke 2:1-20, focusing on the movement from man-centered fear to God-centered peace.

Review of Luke 2:1-7

1. Recipients of the Declaration (2:8)

2. Delivery of the Declaration (2:9)

3. Message of the Declaration (2:10-14)

Questions to Consider

1. What are some of the common images and ideas that come to mind when we think about the shepherds and their connection to the birth of Jesus? Did this passage affirm, alter, or dismiss any of those traditional ideas?
2. What are some of the instances in Scripture of people being in the presence of the glory of God? What can we learn from those accounts?
3. For whom is the message of good news that brings great joy? Where else does Scripture speak about this?
4. What can we learn about Jesus from the three titles given in Luke 2:11?
5. In Luke 2:14, the angels declare that glory be given to God, and that peace be given to people? What is the qualifier that defines those who receive God's peace?
6. Philippians 2:13 uses the same Greek word to speak of God's pleasure/purpose. How does this verse also help do away with any idea that man can earn God's pleasure?