

Advent

Week 3 - Shepherds

Sunday, December 13 • Sam Dahl

The first century Hebrew shepherd:

Put yourself in their shoes...

6 While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough—because there was no room for them at the lodging place.

8 In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. 12 This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough.”

13 Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

14 Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth to people He favors!

15 When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

16 They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the feeding trough. 17 After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard, just as they had been told.

- Luke 2:6-20

The most unlikely...

27 Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong. 28 God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world—what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something,

- 1 Corinthians 1:27-28

God could have sent _____, _____ or _____ but instead He tells _____.

God loves to use the _____, the _____, the _____ to show the world His power through them.

Jesus would be both the ultimate “_____” and “_____” for His people.

God used the shepherds in Mary and Joseph's life to both confirm the angels' earlier message to them and affirm them in their _____ to _____ follow that message.

No matter how small, or weak or unable you feel to be used by God; look to the shepherds and be encouraged that God _____ and _____ use anyone who will trust Him!

How will God show His strength to the world through _____?