

From Great Fear to Great Joy!

Christmas Morning message

Series: The Best Gift of All

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Luke 2:1-20

Overview

- 1. God orchestrates His plan perfectly.**
 - a. The timing of the birth of Jesus.
 - b. The place of the birth of Jesus.

- 2. Shepherds were the first to hear of His birth.**
 - a. An angel appeared to them.
 - b. Their response was great fear.
 - c. They were informed of good news.
 - d. This news would bring great joy.
 - e. Details were given about the birth of Jesus.

- 3. A heavenly choir celebrated His birth.**

- 4. The shepherds were compelled to go to Bethlehem.**
 - a. They found everything just as they had been told.
 - b. They bore witness to the announcement.

- 5. Mary treasured it all in her heart.**

6. The shepherds returned glorifying God.

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What are our great fears?

Illness?

Death?

Failure?

Rejection?

Change?

The loss of a job?

Financial ruin?

The loss of someone's love?

What is the solution?

Good News – the Gospel

What is the result?

Great Joy

The only way to move from great fear to great joy is through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:8-11

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