

December 11, 2022

**THE INDESCRIBABLE GIFT**  
**ADVENT 3: THE GIFT OF JOY**  
*Luke 2.8-20*

*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9.15

**A Tale of Two Shepherds**

How did shepherd #2 keep the joy alive?

- 1. In humility he revisited the event often: God **SHOWED UP** to **ME**.  
*...a Savior has been born to you...* v11

*Here's a word you can take to heart and depend on: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. I'm proof—Public Sinner Number One—of someone who could never have made it apart from sheer mercy. And now he shows me off—evidence of his endless patience—to those who are right on the edge of trusting him forever.* Timothy 1.15-16 The Message

- 2. He remembered: Evil's days **ARE NUMBERED**. *He is the Messiah.* v11

*...he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; **let us rejoice and be glad** in his salvation."* Isaiah 25.8-9

*They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and **sorrow and sighing** will flee away.* Isaiah 35.10

- 3. He celebrated: God's **GRACE** is **AMAZING**. *...he is... the Lord...* v11

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8.38-39

- 4. He kept on **LOOKING FOR JESUS**. *Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened.* v15

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

Jeremiah 29.13

See also Matthew 6.33 and Matthew 7.7-8

- 5. He **SHARED** his experience with **OTHER PEOPLE**. *When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.* v17

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.* 1 Peter 3.15

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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