

**WHAT A NIGHT!
O HOLY NIGHT
LUKE 2:8 – 20
December 16, 2007**

When you think of the Christmas story, you immediately think of shepherds and wise men.

The wise men were the _____ of their day.
The shepherds were the _____.

When God revealed the birth of his Son he did not reveal it to just the high and mighty - he also went to the _____ people.

Several words come to my mind when I think of these shepherds that night.

I. FEAR VS 9

Luke 2:9 (NKJV)

9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before

them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

What fear is it that grips your heart?

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

II. ANXIOUS VS 15 & 16

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

If Jesus is who the angels _____ him to be, it ought to _____ how we live our lives.

They had been told about the Messiah and now they wanted to see him.

III. ANNOUNCING vs 17-18

17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

IV. ACTIONS VS 20

20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

V. CONCLUSION AND APPLICATION

- A. Do you _____ the Lord?
- B. Are you _____ others.
- C. Has knowing him _____ your life?