

Lessons From People Who Followed Jesus.

This week – continuing our series of lessons which teach us how to savingly follow Jesus Christ.

The Angel said unto them,
*“Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”*
Luke 2 vs10,11.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 2v8-20 (The Shepherds Hear the Good News)	
Monday	Luke 2v21-39 (Simeon and Anna see The Lord's Christ)	
Tuesday	Luke 2v40-52 (God's Grace was upon The Child)	
Wednesday	Philippians 2v1-18 (Christ Humbled Himself)	
Thursday	I Corinthians 1v17-31 (God Chooses the Humble)	
Friday	Psalms 95 (Make a Joyful Noise unto The Lord)	
Saturday	Psalms 29 (Worship The Lord in the Beauty of Holiness)	

Important Question for us Today: Why was Christ born in a stable and laid in a manger?

He came from the glory of Heaven, The Eternal Son of God, our Creator, King of kings and Lord of lords. He came as Immanuel, God with us, demonstrating His humility - from the highest position to the lowest; in weakness as a baby, and in poverty, so that we could identify with Him. He came because He loved us so much that He was willing to mix with sinners, and those who opposed and hated Him. He came to die on Calvary's Cross, not for His own sin (because He had none), but to take the punishment of our sin if we will repent and believe in Him as Saviour, and Lord.

We should join the Shepherds, and millions of others, in worshipping Him as Saviour and Lord.

Hymn 237 - Reminding us of God's message to the Shepherds concerning Christ's birth.

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| 2. 'Fear not,' said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind'. | 3. 'To you, in David's town, this day,
Is born, of David's line,
A Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign: |
| 4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
And in a manger laid'. | 6. 'All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from Heaven to men
Begin and never cease.' |

EDT Bibel/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Ordinary Working Men Believe.

- **Introduction to Today's Lesson.**
 - God chose to reveal to tough working men the great news of the Saviour's birth.
 - What comfort this gives us that God does not choose by worldly status but promises that ordinary people, like you and me, can be saved. (see 1 Corinthians 1v26-31).
- **Sudden Shock Gripped the Shepherds with Great Fear. (See Luke 2v9).**
 - **God's Angel suddenly appeared.** A blinding light. God's Holiness revealed.
 - **Great Awe came over them.** Would they perish because of their sinfulness? When we read His Word, God's holiness will surprise us as He speaks to us through our conscience. He is Holy; He is real. We must 'hear' His voice so that when we are convicted, and humbled, we will respond believingly.
- **The Message – 'Fear Not, I Bring You Good News of Great Joy'.**
 - **God Says To Us, 'Fear Not, You can approach Me'.** (See Luke 2 v10-14.)
 - **Good News – 'My Promised Son, Jesus Christ, The Saviour has come'.** There is no greater message of love than this, that God, our Holy Creator has sent His Only Beloved Son into the world to save sinners such as us. John 3v16.
 - **A Personal Call to You** - This leaflet is calling you, now, to 'Come to Christ - to worship Him'. Sadly, today, many are not interested - rejecting God's call. Will you believe and live a life of purpose with the certainty of Heaven?
 - **God's Glory Further Revealed.** The Angelic Host praised God. '*Glory to God.*' **Man has turned "Peace, Goodwill to men", into 'Peace to men of goodwill'.**
 - **Great Joy – The Shepherds' fear quickly changed to joy and gladness.** The Saviour, promised in the Old Testament, was born in Bethlehem.

This joy and gladness will certainly be ours when we know our sins are forgiven.

- **'Let Us Now Go To Bethlehem' – To worship Christ- Immanuel, God with us.** The Shepherds heard and obeyed immediately. Tomorrow would be too late. If we hear and believe we too must hurry, without delay, to bow our hearts to Christ in prayer - seeking His forgiveness of all our sin.
- **God's Message was Found to be True.** They found the Babe lying in a manger just as the angels said! All God's message and promises in The Bible are true.
- **A Personal Message** - calling each of us to obedience, repentance, and faith. The proud of Bethlehem did not hear the message. The poor and needy did.
- **A Message To Be Made Known To Others.** Once we know the joy of forgiven sin then we must gladly live for the Lord and tell others of our loving Saviour.

Isaiah wrote of his own experience, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness."
Isaiah 61v10.