

Today a Savior has been Born to You

Luke 2:8-20

Key Verse: 2:11

*** GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY (8-14)**

1. To whom did the angel of the Lord appear? (8) What were they doing and what was their lifestyle? (Ps23:1-3; Eze34:12-16; Jn10:3-4,11,14) How were they regarded in that society? What do you think some modern parallels might be? What happened when the angel of the Lord appeared to them? (9) Why did God choose them? (1:50-52; Mt5:8)

2. Read verses 10-11 and memorize. How did the angel describe the news of the birth of Jesus? (10) Why is it so? (11) Why do all people need a Savior, including you and me? (Mt1:21; Ro3:23; Col1:13-14)

3. What does "Christ the Lord" tell us about him? (1:32-33; 2Sa7:12-13; Isa9:6-7) How does receiving him as "Christ the Lord" change our lives? (Lk1:74-75)

4. Read verse 11 again. Notice the words "Today" and "to you." What does the word "Today" mean? (Heb3:7-8,13; 2Co6:2) Why should we not delay in accepting this good news? How can the Savior be born newly in our hearts today?

5. What did the angel say was the sign of the Savior's birth? (12; see also verses 7 and 16) What was unusual about this sign? Who can recognize it? What can we learn here about God's way of working?

6. Read verses 13-14. Describe the celebration of the news of Jesus' birth. What does Jesus' birth mean to God and people?

*** THE SHEPHERDS SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS (15-20)**

7. After the angels had left, what did the shepherds decide to do? (15) What did they find? (16) After seeing him, what did they do first? (17) Next? (20) What can we learn from them? How did the people respond to the news? (18) What did Mary do? (19)