

"The Greatest Birth Announcement in History" Luke 2:1-20

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1. Who got the invitation?

- ✓ Lowly <u>shepherds</u>
- ✓ Lofty wise men

2. <u>How</u> did they get the invitation?

- ✓ Shepherds a massive group of angels from heaven
- ✓ Wise men a star in the heavens Matthew 2:1-12

3. What was the baby's name?

- ✓ Jesus
- ✓ Emmanuel God with us Isaiah 7:14
- ✓ Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6

4. What did His birth announcement mean?

- ✓ We don't have to be <u>afraid</u> any longer
- ✓ It's good news of a great joy for everyone
- ✓ God desires for us to have and experience His perfect peace
- ✓ God is pleased with us

All scripture is from the NASB (New American Standard Bible, 1995 version), unless otherwise noted.

5. Why is this the most important birth announcement ever?

We needed salvation, rescue, & redemption – Luke 2:25-35; John 3:16

6. What did the shepherds do with the announcement?

- ✓ They went to see Jesus
- ✓ They saw and worshipped Jesus
- ✓ They told <u>everyone</u> about Jesus
- ✓ They praised and glorified the Lord

Our Response:

- 1) Why does it matter who got the invitation? What does that mean for us today?
- 2) What is the significance of the name, "Jesus"? What about "Emmanuel"?
- 3) Which of the 4 truths that the angels announced impact you the most today? Why?
- 4) How has the most important birth announcement ever impacted your life?

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5) How will you be like the shepherds this Christmas and in the new year that awaits?