



Encountering

JESUS

The Shepherds

Luke 2:1-5

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.



Luke 2:1-5

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.



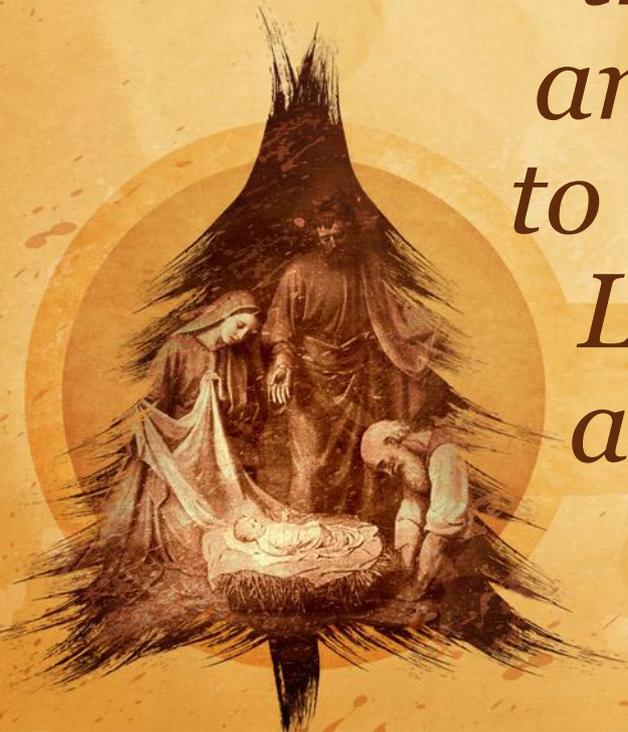
Luke 2:6-14

6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



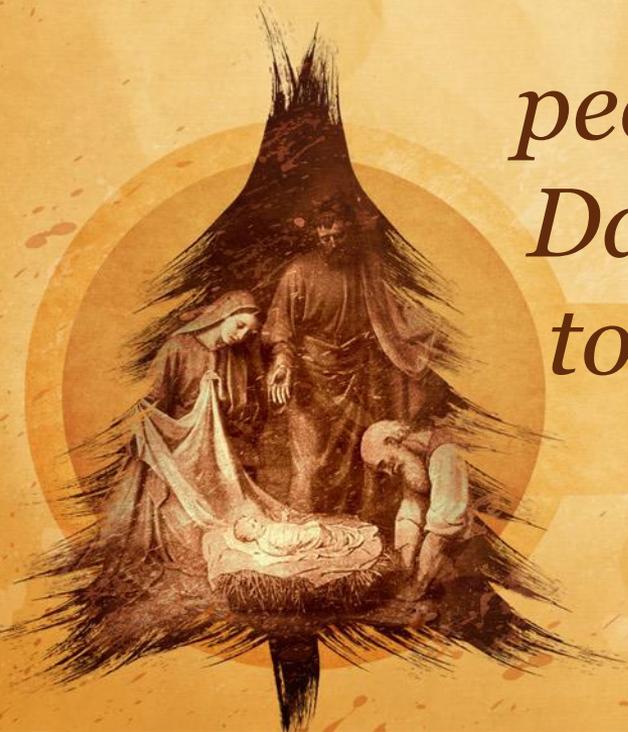
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*⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were **terrified**.*



Luke 2:6-14

*¹⁰ But the angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid. I bring you
good news that will cause
great joy for all the
people. ¹¹ Today in the town of
David a Savior has been born
to you; he is the Messiah, the
Lord.*



Luke 2:6-14

¹² This will be a sign to you:
You will find a baby wrapped
in cloths and lying in a
manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great
company of the heavenly host
appeared with the angel,
praising God and saying,
¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest
heaven, and on earth peace to
those on whom his favor
rests.”



What is a Herald?



Unexpected Shepherds



Isaiah 61:1

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me. The Lord has anointed Me to preach the good news to the **lowly** and **afflicted**. He has sent me to bind up the **broken-hearted** and to proclaim liberty to **captives** and freedom to **prisoners.**"*



Luke 2:15

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”





Luke 2:16-20

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they **spread the word** concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.



Luke 2:16-20

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



People look at
STATUS.

God looks into
SOULS.



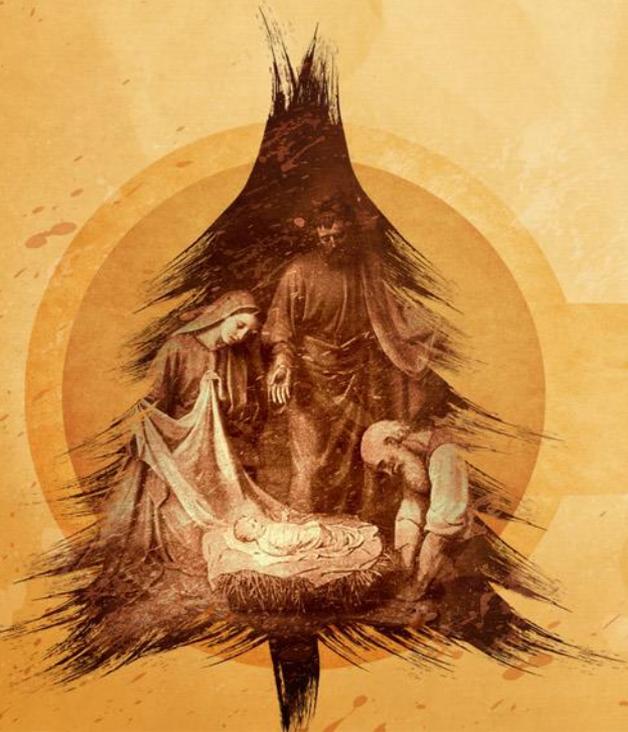
1 Samuel 16:7

*God does not look at outward appearance, but looks at the **heart**.*



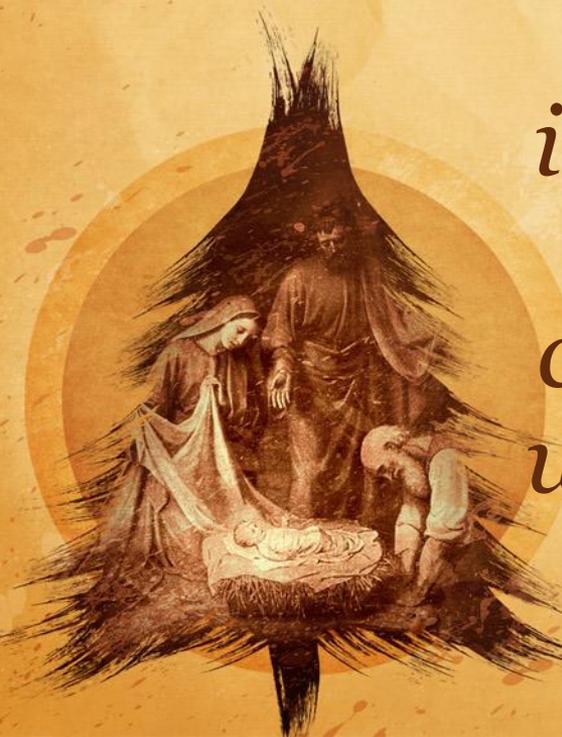
1 Timothy 1:15

*Jesus Christ came into
the world to save sinners
of whom I am **chief**.*



1 Corinthians 1:26-29

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.



1 Corinthians 1:26-29

²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him.



HUMILITY

We realize that we are
all **SHEPHERDS.**



HUMILITY

We start to **SEE** with
Jesus' eyes.



HUMILITY

We give **GRACE** like
Jesus gave to us.



