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The Christmas

Choir



Luke 2:4-20

The background of the image is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous small, bright stars. On the left side, a single, exceptionally bright star shines with a prominent white and blue lens flare that radiates across the sky. At the bottom of the image, the dark silhouette of a city or town is visible, with various buildings and hills. The overall scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of wonder and divine light.

Setting the scene in Bethlehem

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7

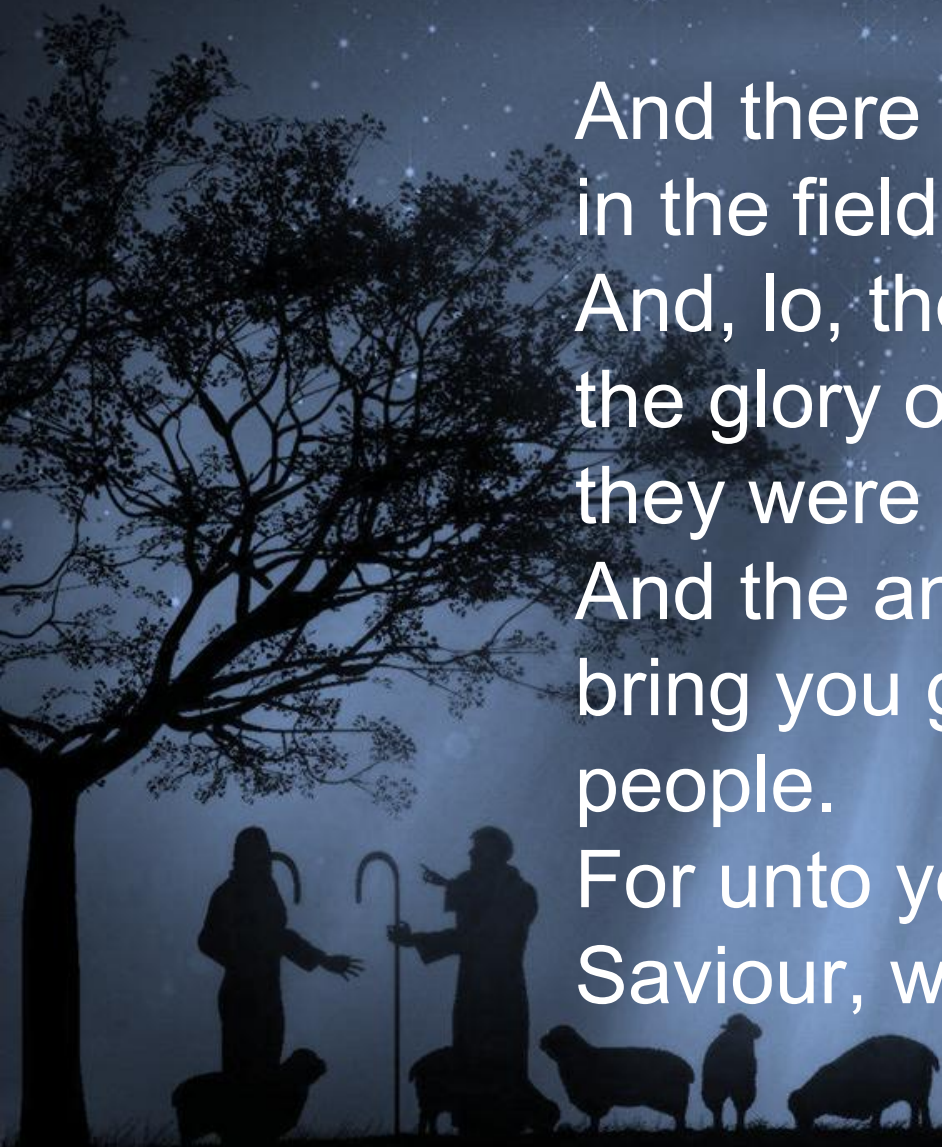
The Message comes to Shepherds, not Elites

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And 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 2:8-11





They were likely Temple
Shepherds

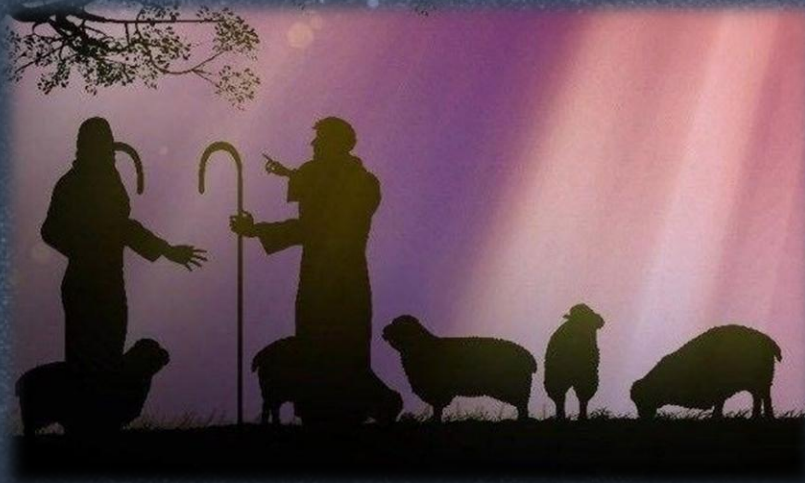
Jesus and the “Shepherd” theme

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1 Peter 5:4

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

Hebrews 13:20



Jesus and the “Shepherd” theme

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.

Ephesians 4:11

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Acts 20:28





Bethlehem, Passover, and the Lamb of God

6 miles (9 km) to Jerusalem

Bethlehem
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Angel appears; the Sky explodes with Glory

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Luke 2:9-10



The three titles: Saviour, Christ & Lord

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Luke 2:11



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That if thou shalt confess
with thy mouth the Lord
Jesus, and shalt believe in
thine heart that God hath
raised him from the dead,
thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:9





The Multitude of the Heavenly host

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Did the
Angel sing
or say?

Luke 2:13-14

Angels singing in Redemptive History

When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Job 38:7

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Revelation 19:6



The Shepherds' Response and Witness

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

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

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Luke 2:15-17

The Shepherds' Response and Witness

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

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

Luke 2:18-20

From Angelic Choir to Human Choir

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Luke 2:20





WE WISH YOU A
Merry Christmas