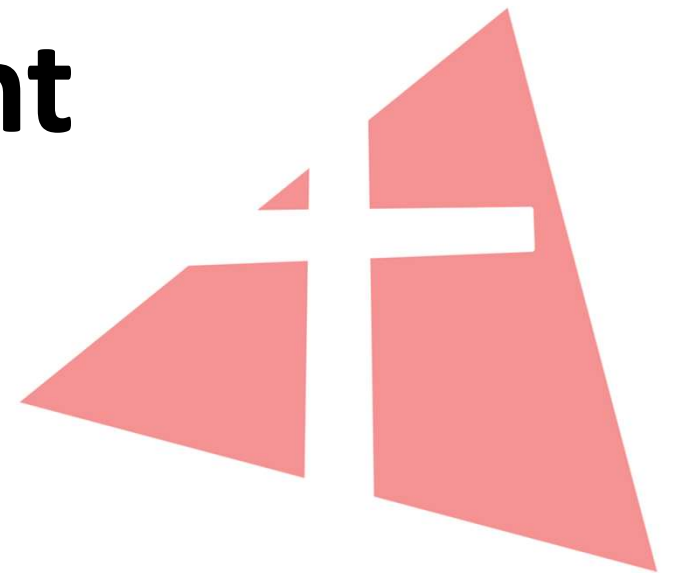


The Gospel in One Night

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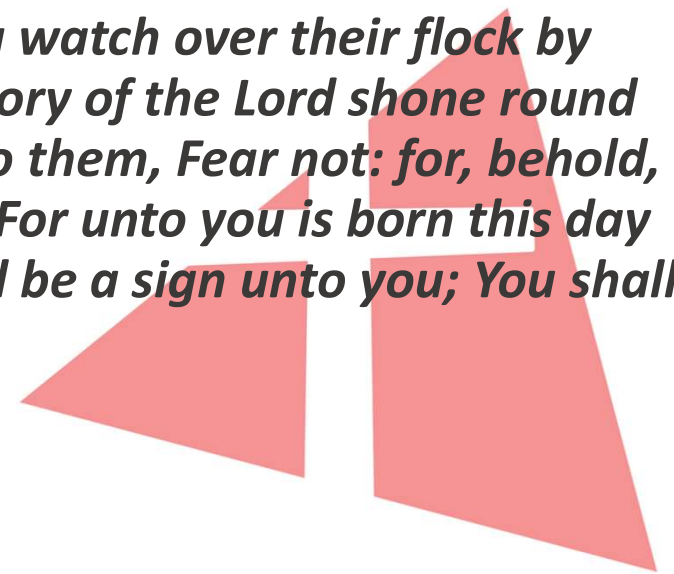
Context

- **Mary and Joseph were forced to travel to Bethlehem**
- **Mary gave birth to Jesus while on the road**



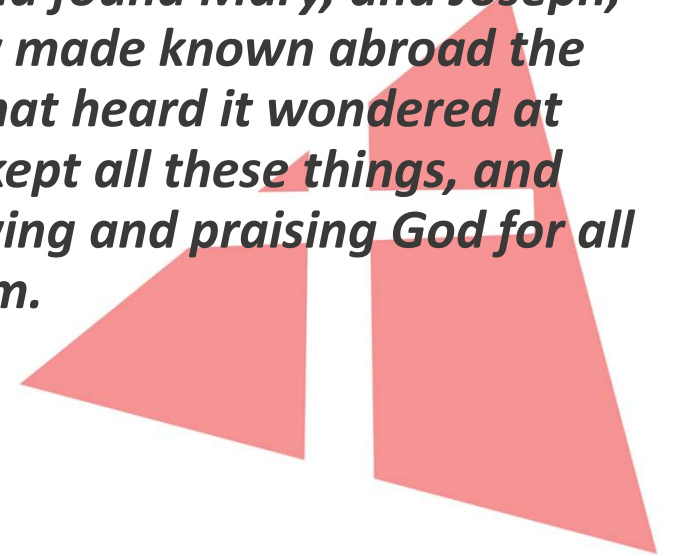
Our Text

Luke 2:6-20 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 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. 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 much 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 Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.



Our Text

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. 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 has 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. 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.



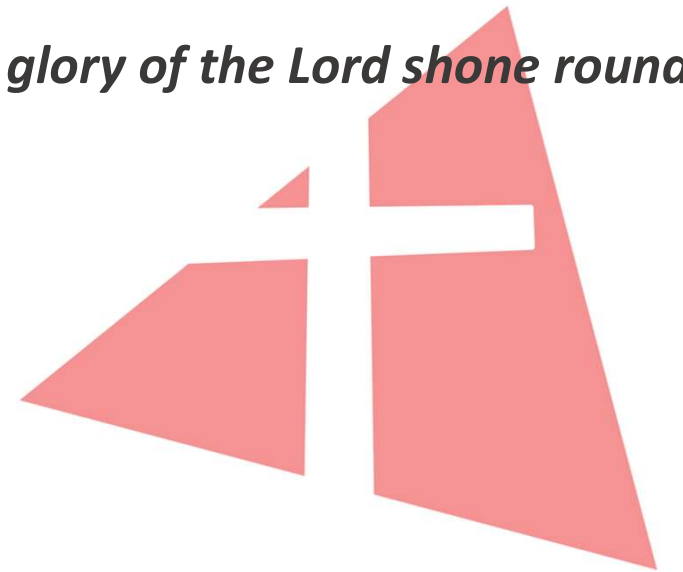
Until 1h earlier

- The shepherds were getting ready for a totally boring night



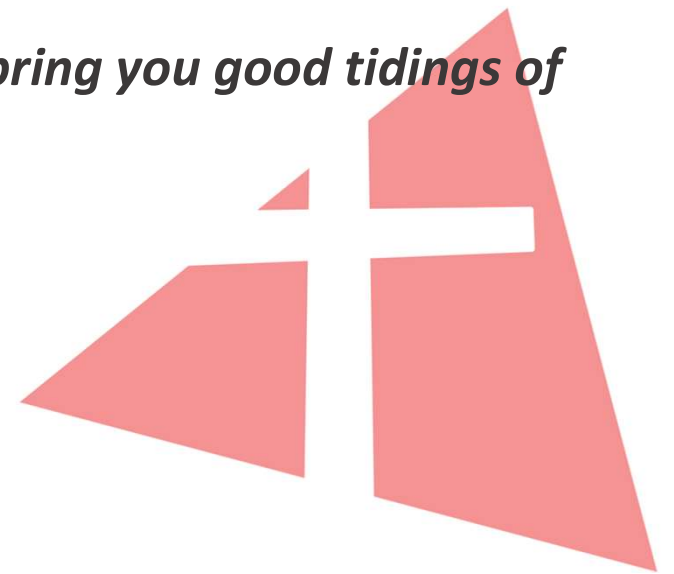
The Glory of God appeared

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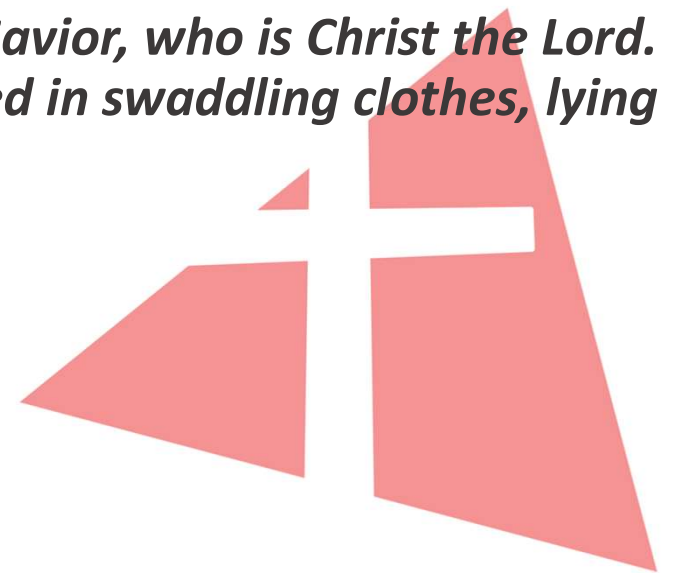
Good Tidings

Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.



The Child

Luke 2:11-12 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.



Worship

Luke 2:13-14 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.



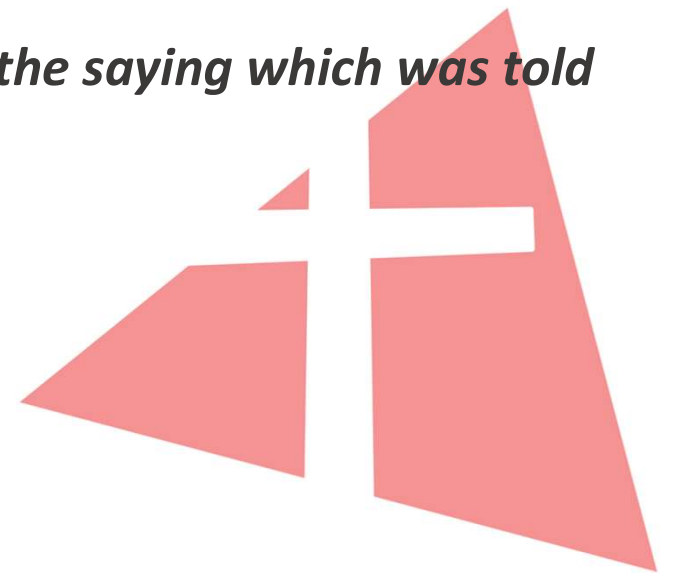
The Desire to meet Jesus

Luke 2:15-16 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 has made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.



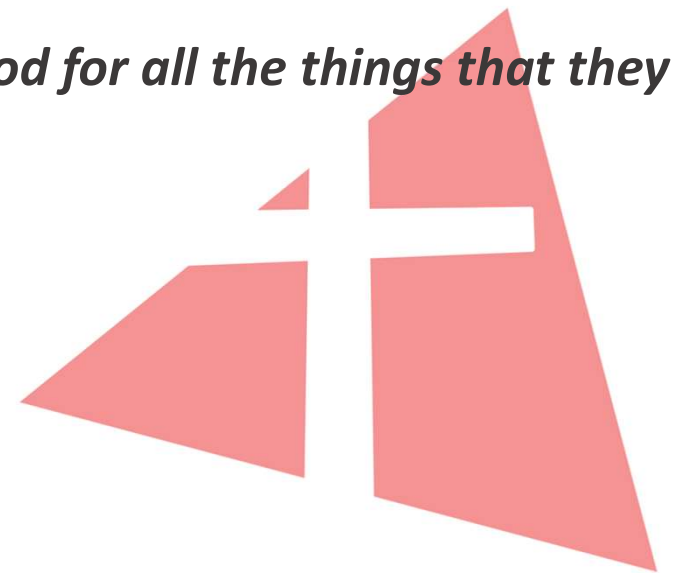
Sharing the Good News

Luke 2:17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.



Transformation

Luke 2:20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



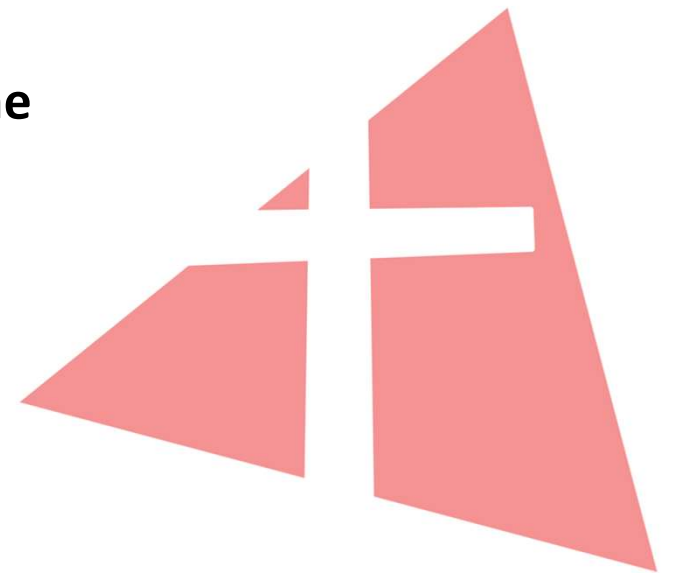
Application

- **What Jesus did in and to the shepherds He wants to do in and to us as well**



Application

- **Christmas should remind us to allow God to disrupt our routine**



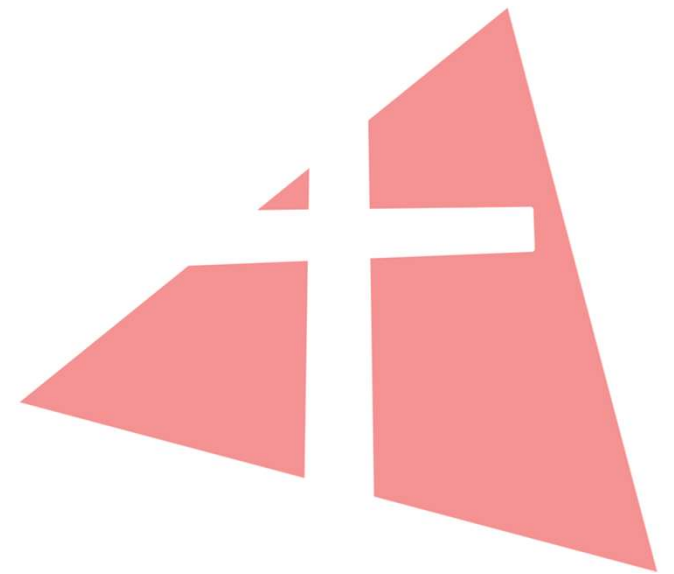
Application

- **Christmas should remind us to seek an encounter God's Glory**



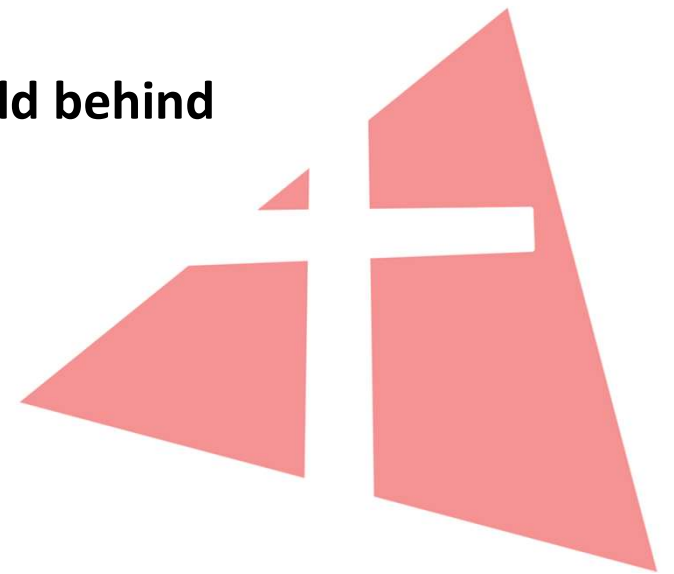
Application

- **Christmas should remind us of the great gifts we have in Jesus**



Application

- **Christmas should remind us to leave certain things of this world behind**



Application

- Christmas should remind us of God's "good will" toward us



Application

- **Christmas should remind us to worship God**



Application

- **Christmas should remind us to tell others**



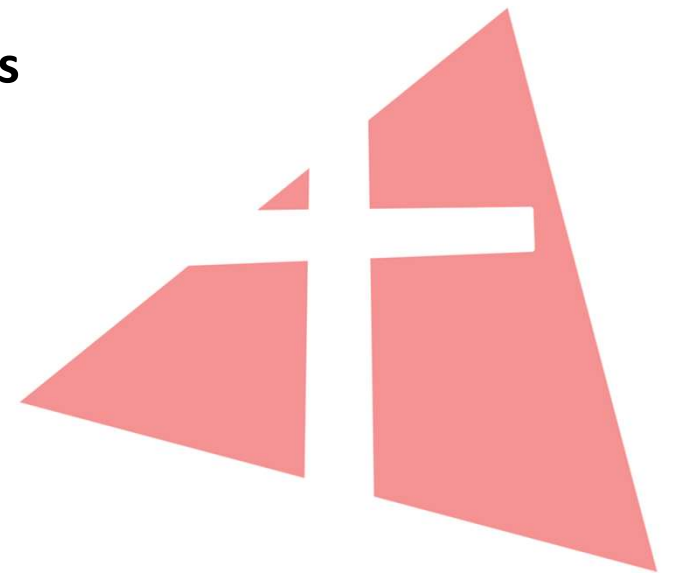
Application

- **Christmas should remind us to be transformed by Jesus**



Application

- **Christmas should remind us that God will keep all His promises**
 - In His time



In Conclusion

- **The story of the shepherds on Christmas Day already summarizes the whole Gospel**
- **God wants to work in our lives just like He did in the shepherds' lives on that day**

