



**SERIES: November – December – Walking with Jesus**

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**Scripture: Luke 2:9-12**

**TITLE: Jesus, the Savior**

If you were to declare major news, who would you deliver it to? It seems like today you'd leak it on social media and hope it gets picked up by the right social influencers. Maybe if you're more traditional, you may call up a national newspaper or even a national media network. But, if you're like me, you probably wouldn't give the biggest news to the restaurant worker or the farmer.

Well, God gave the biggest news to the most unlikely of recipients. Who were those people? What was that news? Listen to what Luke writes in Luke 2:9-12.

“Then an angel of the Lord stood before them [the shepherds], and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger.’”

I hope you caught both the magnitude of the news and the scandalous nature of its recipients. God sends an angel of the Lord as the messenger to who? To a bunch of shepherds. Today that probably seems like either an unimportant point or just the facts. Well, it was a fact, but it was also incredible. Shepherds were social outcasts. They smelled. They were dirty. They were hard laborers. They were the working-class poor of their day. They had no influence, only distance.

And yet, God sent the message to them.

What was the message? That the Messiah, Christ the Lord, was born. The angel called him a “Savior.”

You see, the Jews had been waiting thousands of years for their beloved Messiah. This promised Savior who would deliver them was finally here. This message, however, was not just good news for the Jews. As the angel said, it was good news for all people.

You see, Christianity is a problematic worldview. It isn't a religion because it's not about what you can do. It's all about what Christ did. And it's scandalous because one on hand, Jesus is the savior for everyone. In other words, it's inclusive to all people regardless of age, sex, religious background, ethnicity, economic status, and so on. But it is also exclusive for those who repent and believe.

That message that was delivered to the undeserving is the same good news for everyone today. Jesus is the Savior for all people at all times.

So here's my challenge for you today: remember and go. If you're a Christian today, I want you to remember where Christ met you. Maybe you weren't a shepherd, but you were still an undeserving recipient of that good news. I want you to remember that and then go and share that same good news with someone else. God still calls everyday people to deliver and receive that good news.

If you're not a Christian, remember, Christ came to save you for your sins. All you have to do is turn from your sin and turn to Christ. Believe that he came to save you. Allow Him to change you from the inside out.

Jesus is the Savior for all. He is wonderful. I hope you believe it.