

The People Who 'GET' Christmas

The Shepherds and Wise Men of Matthew 2:1-12 and Luke 2:8-20 Christmas Eve 2014

Introduction:

HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?

They were SOCIALLY different

They were FINANCIALLY different

There were EDUCATIONALLY different

They were different in PROXIMITY

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name

HOW ARE THEY SIMILAR?

Turn to Luke 2:9

1st - They both received an _____

Luke 2:9-12 the glory of the Lord shone around them" and an angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger"

2 Peter 1:19 a light shinning in a dark place

2nd - They both were _____ to God's summons

Luke 2:15 Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about"

Matthew 11:28 come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest

3rd - They both _____ the Savior

John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man shall come to the Father except thru Me"

4th - They both _____ Jesus

Matthew 2:11 And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; Luke 2:20 And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION?

John 20:28 My Lord and My God

Manuscript notes, audio from today and all previous weeks are available free at media.faith-bible.net also on the [FBC Church APP](#) or you can pick up today's message on CD at the book table for free

THE SHEPHERDS OF LUKE 2:6-20 *n.a.s.b.*

6 And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

7 And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

10 And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12 "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

15 And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

16 And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

17 And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

THE WISE MEN OF MATTHEW 2:1-12 *n.a.s.b.*

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

3 And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,

6 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler, Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi, and ascertained from them the time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

9 And having heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was.

10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their own country by another way.