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## Sermon – Shepherds Tell the Story (Advent Week 2)

### Scripture – Luke 2

#### Main Message – No men of high stature were met with Angels and a heavenly host to proclaim Christ's birth, but only the most common of workmen.

I have to tell you something great and glorious and I know that I will fall short in explain the majesty of what I witnessed along with my brothers also who were tending their flocks. My name, well honestly my name is shepherd because that is all that needs to be remembered. We were tending the flocks in the foothills above Bethlehem when... O' I cannot describe the glory of what I saw... Forgive me. Let me just try, but knowing I will fail.

The night lit up with the glory of an angel from heaven. His brilliance was astounding and at first because it had been night, I could not scarcely look at him. I fell to my knees, my legs were weak and even remembering that I scarce can stand upright. It was a holiness and feeling of power I had never felt before. Then he Spoke; *"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. - Luke 2:10 KJV.* I will never forget those words or the ones that came after. My brothers nearby gathered around and standing together the angel spoke again and said, *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."- Luke 2:11-12 KJV*

But that is not all. As we were standing there listening and mesmerized by the angel speaking and his brilliance. A heavenly host beyond count presented themselves with the angel and the entire countryside was bright enough to read a scroll by and I couldn't see fast enough. Tears, tears flew down my face uncontrollably and then we all heard from a chorus of voices speak to us with the deepest profound love I have ever heard. In unison like music made with a thousand flutes we heard and more importantly felt, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.'

They surrounded us with music and glory for a some amount of time, the amount of it which I do not know nor did any of my shepherd brothers. But they did depart back into the heavens above and it was several minutes before we got our wits about us again. Then all at once we looked at one another and decided to see the proof of this thing which the angels spoke of. The Lord had been gracious to us and all we knew was what we were told. So we moved quickly as we could in the dark off the rocky slopes to see for ourselves this child born in the town of David, Bethlehem! We found the mother and the father and babe lying in a manger. As humble and simple as we Shepherds were, even this child came a means just as humble. Looking upon that child, though not like the angel that spoke to us, was a tremendous beauty and peace that surrounded Him. This was the savior of us all, but how. We explained to the parents what we were witness too up in the hills with our flocks. Those others who had gathered around at the birth of the child also heard our testimony. They were in awe and wonder as well. That STAR in the sky illuminated the night like no other and that sign as well confirmed the special nature of what happened tonight.

I am here to tell you what we saw and before I return to my sheep so that you can also spread the news of what was told to us. May we never forget this incredible gift from Almighty God and share this hope that many have forgotten during this occupation of Rome. We had forgotten, briefly, but never again that that God is above all things, and he wants peace and good will towards us all. Shout it from the mountain tops and Praise be to Adonai and the SON born to us this day!