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*Luke 2:18 ...and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart....*

— *Luke 2:20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

- “...what they had heard” –

- “...what they had seen” –

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- “...just as they had been told” –

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## The Upside-Down Influencers

### The Upside-Down Kingdom—part 2

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### **Shepherds, chosen to receive and deliver the message—to the world—and to Mary**

— *Luke 2:8 And there were **shepherds** living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.*

— *Luke 2:9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** that will cause **great joy for all the people**.*

- “Good news” – *euangelizo*

- “Great joy” –

- “For all the people” –

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## The most important message God has ever given to mankind

Luke 2:11 Today in the town of David a **Savior** has been born to you; **he is the Messiah, the Lord.**

- “A savior” –
- “Born to you” –
- “HE IS the Messiah” –

“The Lord” –

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Luke 2:12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

- “A baby wrapped in cloths” -
- “Lying in a manger” -

## The meaning: be in right relationship with God

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Luke 2:13 Suddenly **a great company of the heavenly host** appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and **on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.**”

“...on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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## They checked it out

Luke 2:15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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Luke 2:16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

- **The enemy of faith: complacency**

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Zephaniah 1:12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, “The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.”

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1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “**Do not consider his appearance** or his height, for I have rejected him. **The LORD does not look at the things people look at.** People look at the outward appearance, but **the LORD looks at the heart.**”

## They told others the good news

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Lk. 2:17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child...

- what they had been told them...
  - ...about this child.”
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