

**The First Noel: God Announces the Birth of His Son to Shepherds
(Luke 2:8-20)**

<p>⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.</p>	<p>1. The _____ Shepherds</p> <p>a. _____ they were: <i>The “bottom rung”</i></p> <p>b. _____ they were: <i>In same country</i></p> <p>c. _____ they were doing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“field-lodging”</i> • <i>“guarding” the guards</i> <p>d. _____ this happened: <i>Night</i></p>
<p>⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.</p>	<p>2. Their Routine Is _____</p> <p>a. By a _____: <i>An angel of the Lord...</i></p> <p>b. By _____: <i>Glory shone around them</i></p> <p>c. By _____: <i>Made afraid with great fear</i></p>
<p>¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.</p>	<p>3. The Angel Messages _____</p> <p>a. _____: <i>Do not be fearing</i></p> <p>b. _____: <i>I am evangelizing to you</i></p> <p>c. _____: <i>Of great joy</i></p> <p>d. For _____: <i>All people</i></p> <p>e. _____: <i>A Savior is born</i></p> <p>f. _____: <i>Christ the Lord</i></p> <p>g. _____: <i>City of David</i></p>
<p>¹² "And this <i>will be</i> the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."</p>	<p>4. The Angel Gives the _____</p> <p>a. _____: <i>A baby</i></p> <p>b. _____: <i>Having been wrapped in cloths</i></p> <p>c. _____: <i>Lying in a manger</i></p>
<p>¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"</p>	<p>5. An Additional _____</p> <p>a. _____: <i>Suddenly</i></p> <p>b. _____: <i>A Multitude</i></p> <p>c. _____: <i>Heavenly Army</i></p> <p>d. _____: <i>Praising & Saying</i></p> <p>e. Praise to _____: <i>Glory to God</i></p> <p>f. Blessing to _____ of goodwill: <i>Peace?</i></p>

<p>¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this <u>thing</u> that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."</p>	<p>6. The Shepherds _____</p> <p>a. <i>They discuss a _____</i></p> <p>b. <i>They discuss _____ the utterance</i></p> <p>c. <i>They discuss the _____</i></p>
<p>¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.</p>	<p>7. The Shepherds _____</p> <p>a. <i>Their speed</i></p> <p>b. <i>Their discovery</i></p>
<p>¹⁷ Now when they had seen <u>Him</u>, they made widely known the <u>saying</u> which was told them concerning this Child.</p>	<p>8. The Shepherds _____ the News</p> <p>a. _____: <i>Having seen</i></p> <p>b. _____: <i>Made known</i></p> <p>c. _____: <i>Concerning the utterance</i></p>
<p>¹⁸ And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.</p>	<p>9. The Hearers _____</p>
<p>¹⁹ But Mary kept all these <u>things</u> and pondered <i>them</i> in her heart.</p>	<p>10. Mary's _____</p> <p>a. <i>Her _____: She was preserving the utterances</i></p> <p>b. <i>Her _____: She was considering them in her heart</i></p>
<p>²⁰ Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.</p>	<p>11. The Shepherds _____</p> <p>a. _____: <i>glorifying & praising God</i></p> <p>b. _____: <i>for what they heard & saw</i></p> <p>c. _____: <i>Just as it was spoken to them</i></p>

TAKEAWAYS:

1. *God wants everyone anywhere to _____ of the birth of the Savior.*
2. *God's Savior is for "_____ people."*
3. *_____ people need God's Savior.*
4. *Peace with God requires my personal _____ in His Savior, Jesus Christ.*