

WHAT DID THE SHEPHERDS SEE?

They saw a baby _____, lying in a manger.

The juxtaposition of David and Messiah means a _____ is born.

What they saw was that God was on the move, and he was working in strange, unconventional, and unexpected _____.

A happiness and joy that is enduring, even in difficult circumstances, is experienced ONLY when we know more is happening than what meets the _____.

John 1: ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

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SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Christmas 2020

"Joy Delivered"

Luke 2:8-20

If angelic beings showed up right now and announced the _____ of true and lasting happiness—the source of the joy we're seeking—I think we'd pay attention.

Luke 2: ⁹ ...they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

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 DID THE SHEPHERDS HEAR?

They heard that a _____ has been born.

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

Matthew 1: ²¹ "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Jesus is the kind of Savior that saves people from their _____.

Our sins take us on a trajectory and journey away from the Giver of Life; they take us away from God, leading us toward _____.

A faith that starts and sticks seeks a Savior from _____.