

Why are the Sheep Nervous??

On the hills outside Jerusalem, there were Shepherds in the fields. Watching their flocks by the light of the starry sky. They were stunned by the sudden appearance of what could only be described as something out of this world.

There before their eyes appeared angels, in the sky bathed in ethereal light, and where on earth was that music coming from?? They were very afraid ...and the sheep were getting nervous!!

Angels ...not to royalty, the political elites, the powerful did they appear, but to those considered the working poor, the unenvied, the pitiful ...not to mention a bit smelly!

And the Angels had a very important message for those on the bottom rung of society's ladder, as one of the Angels suddenly spoke:

"Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

And so, gathering their flocks, they went to the city to see if it was true...

The Shepherds and the Angels Luke 2: 8-20

⁸ There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, ¹⁰ but the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. ¹¹ This very day in David’s town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! ¹² And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great army of heaven’s angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them back 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.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. ¹⁸ All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. ¹⁹ Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.