



What is an Advent Conspiracy?

What can ruin our Christmas?
(John 3:16-21)

Why reveal the glory of Christmas to lowly Shepherds?
(Genesis 46:34; 1 Samuel 16:1; 17: 28)

How do simple shepherds teach us to worship more fully?

Their _____ were willing to _____.

“⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.” Luke 2:8-9

Their _____ were willing to _____.

“¹⁰But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’” Luke 2:10-14

When I listen to God, I enjoy...

Their _____ were willing to _____.

(James 1:22-25; John 14:15)

“¹⁵When 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.’ ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.” Luke 2:15-16

Their _____ were willing to _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

“¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” Luke 2:17-19

“were amazed”

“treasured up”

Their _____ were willing to _____.

(1 Corinthians 10:31; Matt 23:12; Psalm 149:4)

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



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Nearly every character in the Christmas story that encountered our King responded in the same way...worship. Let's make the conscious effort to reorient our hearts toward Christ. Christmas begins with worship.

WEEK 1: Worship Fully

PASSAGE: Luke 2:1-35

REFLECTION

- Who do you most identify with in the Christmas story? There is Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, the Shepherds, or the Magi?
- Each of the characters in the Christmas Story worshipped God in their own way. How did they worship differently?
- Did you know you were created for the purpose of worship? What do the following verse tell us about our purpose to worship God fully? Take a look at Psalm 150:1-6; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Revelation 5:11-12.
- How do you best express your worship of God?
- What do you think God wants you to focus on most this Christmas season?

ADVENT READING LIST

- DAY 1** - John 1:1-5
- DAY 2** - Jeremiah 33:14-16
- DAY 3** - Luke 1:5-10
- DAY 4** - Luke 1:11-17
- DAY 5** - Luke 1:18-25
- DAY 6** - Luke 1:26-38
- DAY 7** - Matthew 1:18-21
- DAY 8** - Matthew 1:22-25
- DAY 9** - Isaiah 7:14
- DAY 10** - Luke 1:39-45
- DAY 11** - Luke 1:46-56
- DAY 12** - Luke 1:68-79
- DAY 13** - Luke 2:1-5
- DAY 14** - Luke 2:6-7
- DAY 15** - Luke 2:8-12
- DAY 16** - Luke 2:13-14
- DAY 17** - Luke 2:15-18
- DAY 18** - Luke 2:19-20
- DAY 19** - Matthew 2:1-2
- DAY 20** - Matthew 2:3-6
- DAY 21** - Matthew 2:7-8
- DAY 22** - Matthew 2:9-12
- DAY 23** - Galatians 4:4-7
- DAY 24** - Isaiah 9:6-7
- DAY 25** - John 1:14



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