

A Cast of Misfits



Sermon Outline
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Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20

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And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby,...

What is a misfit? "someone who is not suited to a situation, or--- who is not accepted by other people because something about them is considered _____."

The story of the Gospel is a gut wrenching, throat clutching, tear squeezing reality. God the father...sent that little boy, that little baby boy..._____!

The son of God...whose only experience was glory, chooses to come to a place most _____.

Shepherds? They're not on anybody's list..._____.
When the baby is born...they are the first to know.

There are two points of focus to consider:

1. The group is _____...because they reveal the central equation to salvation...

The _____ the Sinner = The _____ is God

If Christmas holds little meaning to you, it is likely because you have _____ that "you got this"... "I'm self-sufficient!"

Revelation 3:15-18

¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other.

Do you understand that the only people _____ are those who know that they are... **wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.**"

2. When God reaches them...he _____ to them.

Luke 2:9

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luke 2:13-14

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Glory is where God _____. Where common people gain a glimpse. Where you catch hold of the apron of His wonder. Then--You attempt to honor what you observe.

That's the point of the entire experience that began in Bethlehem...it was the 'fullness of time'. Time where God chooses to display what He looks like...to make what was mysterious, evident and obvious. This is called _____.

John 1:14,18

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

The _____...the greater is the God who saves him.