

FEAR NOT

THE INVITATION FROM THE SHEPHERDS

I. How to FEAR NOT?

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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 2:8-10)*

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (Luke 2:1)

1. The Good News of Jesus.
2. The Great Joy with Jesus.
3. For all People!

II. The Good News of Jesus.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

*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."*

When 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." (Luke 2:11-15)

1. A Savior for all People.
2. A Messiah for all People.
3. The LORD for all People.

III. The Signs of the Savior in an Evil and Fearful World

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. (Luke 2:16-18)

The 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)

1. Great Joy,
2. In Haste,
3. In awe and wonder, and
4. Salvation is being experienced.

Personal Reflections:

1. How can you experience the FEAR NOTs of Advent this Season?
2. Is Jesus the Savior, the Messiah, and LORD over your life? Why or why not?
3. Read Luke 2:1-20. What signs of FEAR NOT did the Shepherds experience. Have you experienced these signs in your life? Why or why not.