

V8-9 AFTER THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN THE SAME REGION WHERE JESUS WAS BORN THERE WERE SHEPHERDS TENDING THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT AND SUDDENLY AN ANGEL OF THE LORD STOOD BEFORE THEM AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM

APPEARING TO LOWLY SHEPHERDS NOT TO THE HIGH PRIEST OR THE CHIEF PRIEST OR THE SCRIBES OR THE LEADING TEACHERS IN ISRAEL BUT TO HUMBLE SHEPHERDS TENDING THEIR FLOCKS GOD RESIST THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE JAMES 4:6

JESUS WAS BORN TO HUMBLE PARENTS IN HUMBLE CIRCUMSTANCES IN A STABLE LAID IN A MANGER BEING PROCLAIMED TO LOWLY SHEPHERDS ISN'T THAT CONTRARY TO WHAT THE WORLD TEACHES US IS BEING BLESSED SALVATION IS NOT BASED ON MERIT BUT ON MERCY

THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM HE IS LIGHT 1JOHN 1:5 AND IN HIM BEING NO DARKNESS AT ALL THE LIGHT OF HIS GLORY BEING HIS PRESENCE AND THEY WERE AFRAID

V10-11 BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM DO NOT BE AFRAID FOR BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY JESUS DID NOT COME TO JUDGE BUT TO SAVE NOT JUST THE JEWS BUT ALL PEOPLE FROM EVERY TRIBE TONGUE AND NATION REV 7:9-10

FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID WHICH WAS BETHLEHEM A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU A SAVIOR WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD THE ANOINTED ONE BEING CHRIST AND LORD BEING GOD ROM 10:9-13 THERE IS SALVATION IN NO OTHER NAME ACTS 4:12 GOD SENT US ONE SAVIOR HIS LAMB JOHN 1:29 WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD

V12 THIS WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU A BABY WRAPPED IN CLOTHS LYING IN A MANGER A NEW BORN KING MATT 20:28 ONE WHO DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE AND GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY GOD'S GIFT TO US

V13-14 A MULTITUDE OF HEAVENLY HOST PRAISING GOD THE SKY LINE FILLED WITH ANGELS SINGING GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG MEN THE PEACE THEY WERE REFERRING TO IS PEACE WITH GOD HIS WORK OF SALVATION THAT HAD COME IN THE PERSON OF JESUS

IF YOU RECEIVE THE GIFT OF GOD'S SALVATION GOD IS PLEASED PLACING YOUR FAITH IN THE WORK OF GOD THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL THE SACRIFICE OF HIS SON FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS A SALVATION BASED ON MERCY NOT ON MERIT EPH 2:8-9

DESPITE MANS BEST EFFORTS TO SAVE HIMSELF GOD HAS CHOSEN THE WEAK THINGS OF THE WORLD TO CONFOUND THE WISE 1COR 1:26-31 WE BOAST IN THE LORD FOR SAVING US FROM THE PENALTY AND THE POWER OF SIN A VIRGIN BORN SON BORN IN A STABLE REVEALED TO SHEPHERDS TENDING THEIR FLOCKS LEAVING THEM TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF HIS BIRTH WITH OTHERS

WHAT WOULD BE THE ODDS OF AN INFANT BORN IN A STABLE TO A TEENAGE GIRL IN BETHLEHEM CLAIMING THAT THE CHILD WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING THE MESSIAH THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD THE SAVIOR OF ALL PEOPLE

OUR REDEMPTION SEEMED TO BE GETTING OFF TO A SHAKY START TWO TEENAGERS IN A STABLE VISITED BY SHEPHERDS WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM ANGELS THAT THERE HAD BEEN BORN FOR YOU A SAVIOR WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD

DO YOU BELIEVE THE CHRISTMAS STORY DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IT REQUIRES FAITH IN THE POWER OF GOD TO COMPLETE HIS WORK FOR YOUR SALVATION FOR BY GRACE YOU ARE SAVED THROUGH FAITH AND NOT OF YOURSELF IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING ASK GOD TO HELP YOUR UNBELIEF MARK 9:24