

“Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!” Luke 2:9-11 NLT

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listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

Of course he had to tell his shepherd buddies first! I don’t think their was a negotiation phase when the Father, son and Holy Spirit discusses plans for redemption of humankind. But if there was a plan, I think Jesus would say, “Let’s announce my arrival to the shepherds first, you know my buddies in the field. Yeah the young men who tend the passover lambs and choose the perfect ones for the sacrifice of sins. I think people will get the point that I am the good shepherd and the perfect sacrifice for all, so it makes sense to give them the breaking news first.” The young men heard it first and carried the news into town. Can you imagine the stories that were told among their families for generations? Great, great Grandpa, “Did I tell you about the time when my grandfather was in the field and an Angel appeared to him and his friends telling them about the messiah? You know they were the first to hear and announce his birth?” They had JOHN - Joy of hearing news!

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

That annunciation was the biggest news since Isaiah told us a baby would be coming. A baby that would redeem all humans for all time! “For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6 NLT

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root