

Moments at the Manger

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Introduction:

- The lowly shepherds at the manger continue to intrigue me year after year. Mary and Joseph, I get. But the shepherds? They don't fulfill prophecy. They don't play a significant role in the Christmas drama. Nothing. Or so it seems.
- French philosopher Maurice Blondel said this: "If you really want to understand a man, don't just listen to what he says but watch what he does."
- This morning, we will "watch" what the shepherds did. There's actually a lot we can learn from their actions. In fact, I believe they epitomize the spirit of Christmas.

They _____ What God

_____ (v. 8-14)

The angel said to them...I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people...a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (v. 10,11)

They heard the message of Christmas:

The message of Christmas is _____
_____ for _____.

The message of Christmas is that a
_____ has arrived for us.

They _____ Where God

_____ (v. 15,16)

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. (v. 17)

The shepherds found Mary, Joseph, and the baby who was lying in a manger. But this was really only the beginning of their journey.

Finding Jesus as Lord and Savior is only the beginning of the
_____ of following God's lead.

They _____ What God _____ (v. 17-19)

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Conclusion:

They returned [to the fields nearby], glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen. (v. 20)

You will never be the _____!