

THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2: 8-20

It is an interesting thing to note, that when God wanted to announce the birth of His only begotten Son, He chose shepherds to hear the news.

In society, shepherds were considered a lower class of people. They were wanderers moving across the countryside with their flocks. It was to these humble servants that God announced the birth of the Great Shepherd, Jesus. (Hebrews 13:20)

Where the shepherds were is of great interest. Outside the City of Bethlehem, on the road to Jerusalem, is a tower called Migdal Eder. Migdal Eder is the place where shepherds kept watch over the flocks by night.

The flocks that were watched in the same country as Bethlehem were not the ordinary sheep. These sheep were brought there to give birth to lambs for the Passover sacrifices.

Jesus, the Great Shepherd, was born at the place where the Passover lambs were born. Jesus himself became our Passover Lamb.

Lessons to Learn:

1. Shepherds announced the birth of Christ to the world.
(Luke 2: 17)
 - A. As humble servants we are to announce the good news (Gospel) to the world.

2. Those who announce the Gospel need to come and see Him themselves. (Luke 2: 16)

3. We need to glorify and praise God for all the things that we have heard and seen (Luke 2: 20)