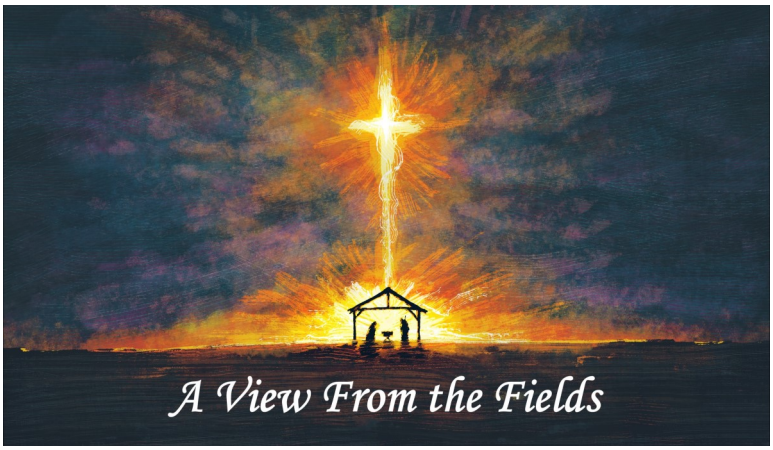


# Fourth Advent 2020
# Luke 2:8-14
# December 20, 2020

## I. Shepherds — Unlikely Recipients

Who were the first recipients told that Jesus was born in Luke 2:15-20? What does Luke 2:15 tell us about them?

If there was the news of the birth of a King, whom would you have expected to have received the news first?

Why was it so unusual for shepherds to get this news?

Why do you think that the shepherds were the first to hear this news?

Why does Christmas remind many people of the needs of their lives and of what they are missing in their lives?

What does Luke 2:9 tell us happened to these shepherds? How did they react to this?

Why do you think they reacted this way?

Explain the significance of "the glory of the Lord shining around them"?

## II. The Message of the Angel

What is the first thing that the angel said to the shepherds in Luke 2:10?

Why would the shepherds need to hear this?

What would have been “good news” for the shepherds?

What would be good news for you?

What does Luke 2:10 tell us about the impact of this good news?

How would you define “joy”? What kinds of things bring you joy?

What is this “good news of great joy” according to Luke 2:11?

This message came from the angel of the Lord God. What does God know our greatest need is, that we need to be rescued or delivered from?

Jesus is Saviour and Messiah or Christ, Lord. What is the impact of this?

## III. Notable Signs

In what kind of place would the shepherds have expected to find this baby, the King, the Deliverer, Jesus?

How would knowing where Jesus was located assist the shepherds in finding Jesus in the town of Bethlehem?

Why would the shepherds have access to this location?

To add to the power and the magnitude and awesomeness of the message, what does Luke 2:13 tell us happened?

What was the message of the heavenly host in Luke 2:14?

What does this message tell us about God and about God’s working in the lives of the people of this world?