

Psalms 139:13-16-

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Review

W1- A Simple Deception

W2- A Simple Story

W3- A Simple Message

THE STORY & THE MESSAGE

Luke 2:8-17

⁸That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹²And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." ¹⁵When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. ¹⁷After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

- Who was being told and included
- Shepherds were outcasts, hated
- The shepherds went from guarding their livelihood to leaving it and going to see
- What was the message?
- Luke 2:10-11
- Euangelizo
- It was both crazy that they were invited, and that they followed!
- They saw Jesus wrapped in a manger
- He is the One who left his divine privileges and died a criminal's death on a cross (Philippians 2:6-8)
- They didn't know then what we know now.
- Psalms 34:8 -

TELL THE WORLD

- There is a Savior
- He has invited you (Sinners) (Outcasts)
- He wants to save you
- 2 Corinthians 5:19-21
- God is making his appeal through us
- par-ak-al-eh'-o
- We are his ambassadors, and he gives us this wonderful task
- 2 Corinthians 5:11-15

CLOSE

1. Do you hear the simple message? What are you going to do with it this Christmas?
2. Do you need to be reminded of the invitation?
3. Is there someone you need to invite?

QUESTIONS:

1. How was your week?
2. What stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
3. Read Luke 2:8-17
 - What is one thing that challenges you in this story?
 - Do you find it hard to drop what you're doing and go and be with God at times?
4. What stands in the way of believing that you have been invited and God wants to save you?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:19-21 & 2 Corinthians 5:11-15
 - What are these passages teaching us and what stands out to you in that?
 - Who in your life needs to hear the good news, and how can you take one step closer to them this season?
6. What is one thing you can simplify this year for Christmas?
7. Prayer Requests