

This will be a... SIGN



Luke 2: 4-12, 15-16, 20

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Isaiah 53: 6-7

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

John 1:29 (ESV)

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 Peter 1:18-20

18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you.

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Follow the instructions to discover truth for yourself.



1. **Read Luke 2:4-12.** Mark all references to Jesus and the shepherds. List what you learn.

In verse 7, What does Mary do with her firstborn Son and why?

How is Jesus described in v11?

What was the sign going to be as to the presence of this Saviour?

DEFINITION: v12 – SIGN – “an indication, a token, a miracle.”

2. **Read Luke 2:4-12** again and mark the word manger. List what you learn.
3. **Read Luke 2:15-16, 20** and mark the three key words as above. Note what you learn about each.

What impact does this encounter have on the Shepherds and why?

4. **Read Isaiah 53:6-7** and mark the words “we” and “He, him”
(The “he” that Isaiah talks about is God’s suffering servant, pointing forward to Jesus)

How are we described?

*What did God do with our iniquity? How is the one who suffered described?
How does this relate to the message of the angel to the Shepherds?*

5. **Read John 1:29** and mark “Jesus” plus pronouns.
Who is John pointing to and how is He described? What has he come to do?
6. **Read 1 Peter 1:18-20** and mark “Christ” plus pronouns.
How is Jesus described in v19? What information does it give us about Him in v20?

From the passage in Luke 2, how was Jesus “manifested”? What was the sign? How does this relate to the picture of Jesus as the Lamb of God?



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