

Christmas Touch

A Time To Touch The Overlooked

Luke 2:8-20

Have you ever Forgotten something REAL Important?

The True Meaning of Christmas is FOUND in THE GIFT.

Today, as we look at the Shepherd's Role in the Christmas story, we find THREE TRUTHS that encourage us to "TOUCH" the OVERLOOKED.

- 1. Shepherds were TREATED with DISDAIN (v.8)**
 - Shepherds were a Fellowship of the FORGETTABLE.
 - These men were Overlooked, Forgotten & Treated like 2nd class citizens.
 - Shepherds were Considered OUTCASTS and MISFITS.
 - Shepherds Ranked among the Lowest of the Low...YET...
- 2. Shepherds were CHOSEN to receive the DECLARATION (vv.9-14)**
 - WHO would YOU have TOLD FIRST?
 - OUR choices & GOD'S choices are Different.
 - God INTENTIONALLY chose SHEPHERDS!
 - This was NOT a Random Choice...God SENT Angels to Shepherds! (1 Cor. 1:26-29)
- 3. Shepherds HONORED the King with their DEVOTION (vv.15-20)**
 - The first names in the GUEST BOOK belonged to Common People.
 - When the Shepherds got the news about the Birth of Jesus, they ACTED Immediately.
 - Exciting Things were HAPPENING to NOT so Exciting People.
 - These Social Misfits were the First to Know & Respond to the Birth of Humanity's Savior.
 - God absolutely INSISTS that we Reach Out to the Overlooked. (Matthew 25:35-40)
 - Today, the OVERLOOKED come in Many Categories.
 - Essentially, the Overlooked are any of the ones YOU are Overlooking.
 - If YOU want to Touch JESUS, WHOM do YOU Touch?

- Jesus is the Savior of all **EQUALLY** (Luke 2:10)