

Why Celebrate Christmas?

Lost or Found?

Luke 2:8-20

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Introduction

- **1st Samuel 17**
 - **1st Samuel 16:11**
 - Hebrew – Haqatan ... English – “*Insignificant, Unimportant, Useless*”
 - **Genesis 46:31-34**
 - So, why shepherds then?
 - **1st Corinthians 1:26-28**
 - **Luke 2:8-20**
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1. The Shepherds Received the Good News!

- Received – *That which is accepted as a standard – something considered by authority to be consistent truth.*
- Heard - *To perceive by ear – to be among the audience at or of something.*
- Matthew 2**
- Matthew 2:3-7**
- Why would anyone be unreceptive of the Gospel?
- Ultimately, to rid the world of Jesus there are three basic reasons:
 - Power
 - Influence over people – To control them.
 - They would have to change their life – Follow God’s will, not their own.
- Luke 2:15-20**
- The Shepherds heard the message, received the message, and they went searching for Jesus.
- Why the Shepherds? Because when the world sees a Haqatan, the Lord sees a messenger.

2. Have you Heard or Received the Message of Jesus yet?

- We have all heard about songs that we sing the wrong words to.
 - Fifth Dimension –
 - Queen –
 - The Monkey’s –
 - Jimi Hendrix –
- Some people do that with Christmas songs as well.

- c. Where am I going with all this?
- d. Some 2000 years ago ... God kept His promise and He stepped out of eternity and into our world to save us from the mess that we had made for ourselves.
- e. Because of Jesus you have a chance to be saved.
- f. But how do we do that?
- g. **Acts 2:38**
- h. Now, that is Good News!