



Christmas FunDay

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I. INTRO

- A. What did you see?
 - Sometimes what's going on isn't as important as how we interpret what's going on
- B. The same old same old
 - The Christmas story started like so many other nights

Luke 2:8 (NKJV) Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

- They've done this a thousand nights before this one

Luke 2:9 (NKJV) And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them ... and, they were greatly afraid.

- C. People interpreted the events of the Christmas Story based on how they saw it
 - Each one interpreted the event based on how they saw it – and got it wrong! Until there was a revelation

II. WE NEED A REVELATION

- A. When the revelation came – everything changed

Luke 2:10-14 (NKJV) ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

- B. Like Israel we want God's intervention
 - And also like Israel, when intervention shows up – we don't recognize it, or worse, we reject it because it scares us
- C. God's intervention for you might come in a form that's scary to you
 - Israel wanted God's intervention, but God had more: He wanted to give them a revelation
- D. This is the greatest event in the lives of these shepherds
 - But it's not the most important moment

Luke 2:15-16 (NKJV) ¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.



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III. CLOSE

- A. Running the wrong way
 - **You can't replace Jesus with an event**

Luke 2:20 (NLT) The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

- B. They went back to the "same old, same old" but they were different