

# ***This Changes Everything***

***PASTOR MIKE YODER • LUKE 2:8-20***



*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby,  
keeping watch over their flocks at night.*

*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*

*But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”*

**Luke 2:10**

*“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;  
He is the Messiah, the Lord.”*

**Luke 2:11**

*“This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”*

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

**Luke 2:13**

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”*

**Luke 2:14**



*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”*

**Luke 2:15**

*So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.*

**Luke 2:16**

*When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,*

**Luke 2:17**

*and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.*

**Luke 2:18**

*But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

**Luke 2:19**

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

# When the Landscape Radically Changes (2:8–13)



# Standard Operating Procedure for Shepherds (2:8)



## DEFCON One for Shepherds (2:9)

## Insider Information (2:10–12)

*“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”*

*“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:”*

**Matthew 2:5**

*‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.’”*

**Matthew 2:6**

On the surface, political reasons determine where Jesus is born, but the ultimate cause is the God who controls history and who guarantees that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem, in accordance with Old Testament prophecy.

**Jesus is the One who rescues (Savior), who reigns (Messiah), who is to be worshiped (Lord).**

*And because of His words many more became believers.*

**John 4:41**



*They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”*

# Angelic Interlude (2:13,14)



**When the Changed Landscape  
Resets Your Reality (2:15–20)**



## New Operating Procedure for Shepherds (2:15–18, 20)

## Mary's Massive Reset (2:19)

**The shepherds teach others what they heard and saw.  
Mary treasures it in her heart. Then the shepherds return  
home to tell others of the glory of God...**

**Thabiti Anyabwile**

**From the time of the Savior's birth, those receiving the Savior have followed this pattern of teach, treasure, and tell.**

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Everything was now different. But everyone still felt like everything was the same. We need faith to embrace that everything has changed even when it feels like nothing has changed.



**What began in obscurity  
is actually Deity which  
results in glory.**

