

**Angels & Advent  
Day 9**

**Angels Announce the Birth of  
Jesus to Shepherds**

**Reading: Luke 2:8-20**



## Luke 2:8-20:

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. 9The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.<sup>d</sup>

10The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11<sup>\* e</sup> For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. 12And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” 13And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 14<sup>\*</sup> “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

15When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

16So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

17When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. 18All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

19And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

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

## Reflect:

The night the ***Divine Light*** came to illuminate the darkness of men, Christ tabernacled Himself in the world He made, and you see that only the simple and the learned found Him, namely, shepherds and wise men. The angels and a star caught up in the reflection of that Light, as a torch and passed it on to the watchers of sheep and the observers of stars.

And so, as the shepherds watched their flocks about the hills of Bethlehem, they were shaken by the light of the angels.

And so, as the wise men from beyond the land of Media and Persia searched the heavens, the brilliance of a star, like a tabernacle lamp in the sanctuary of God's creation, beckoned shepherds and wise men alike, to a stable where the star seemed to lose its light in the unearthly brilliance of the ***Light of the World***.

*The Eternal Galilean*, New York: Appleton-Century, 1934.