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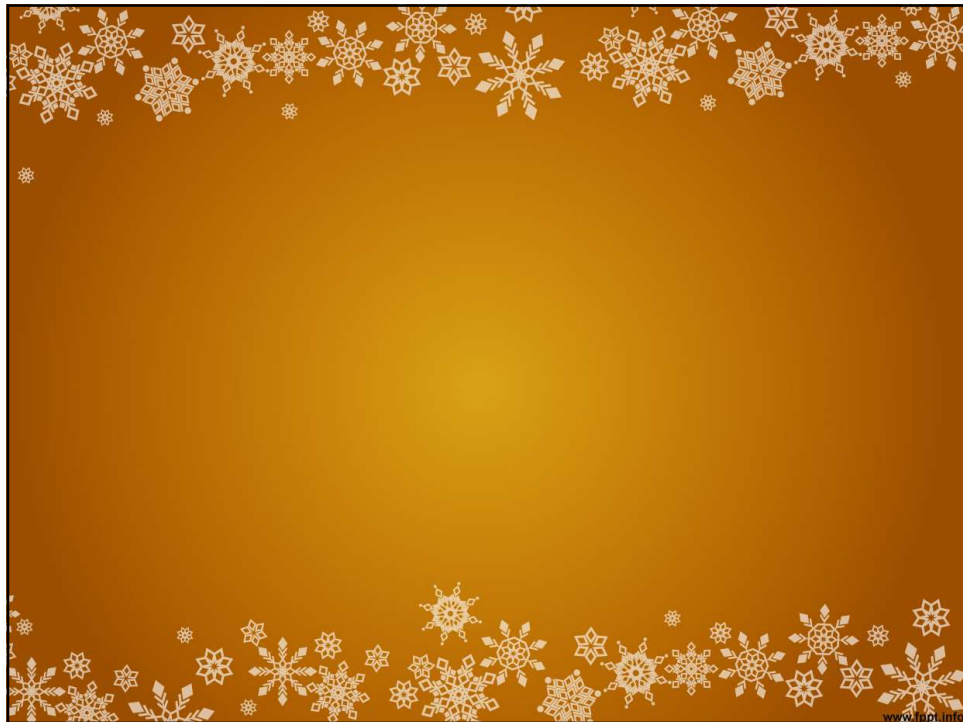
**OUTSIDE/IN**  
Welcome into the Christmas story

**Carol Service**  
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# THE SHEPHERDS' STORY



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## The shepherds' job




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## The shepherds' problem

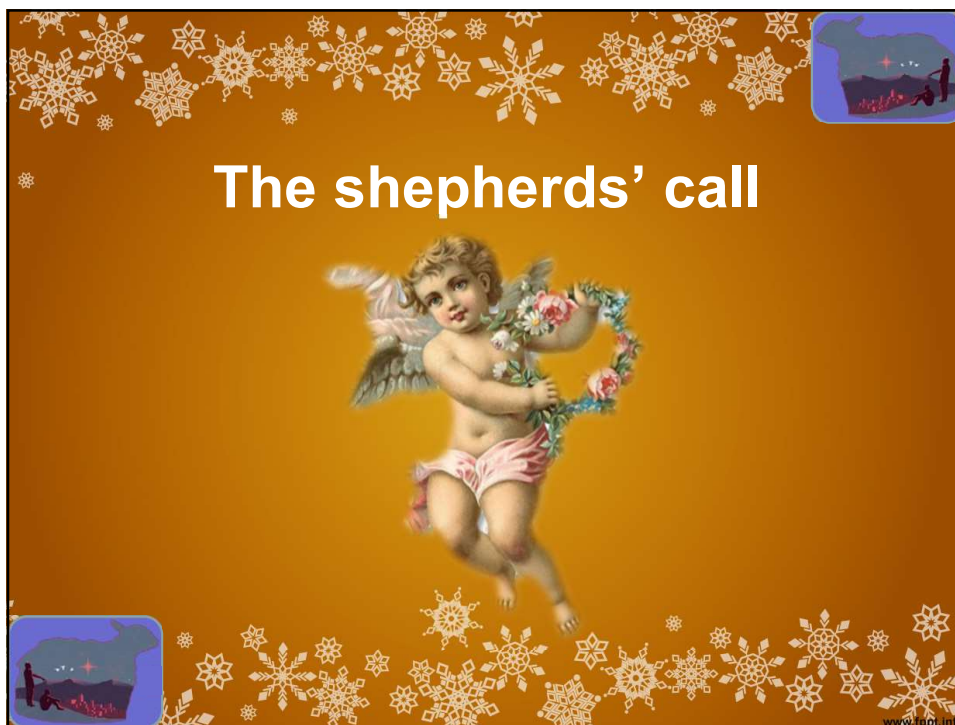
- Ritually unclean
- Banned from temple and synagogues
- No respect from society, viewed as outcasts




***“A man should not teach his son to be an ass-driver, or a camel-driver, or a barber, or a sailor, or a shepherd, or a shopkeeper, for all these are the trades of thieves.” (Mishnah)***



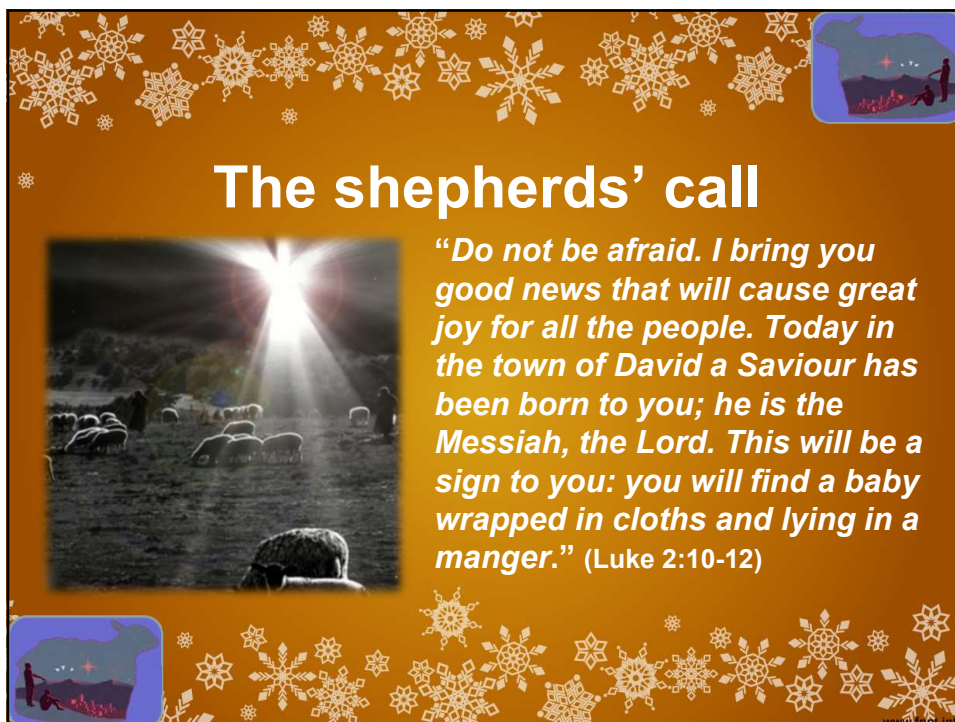
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## The shepherds' call



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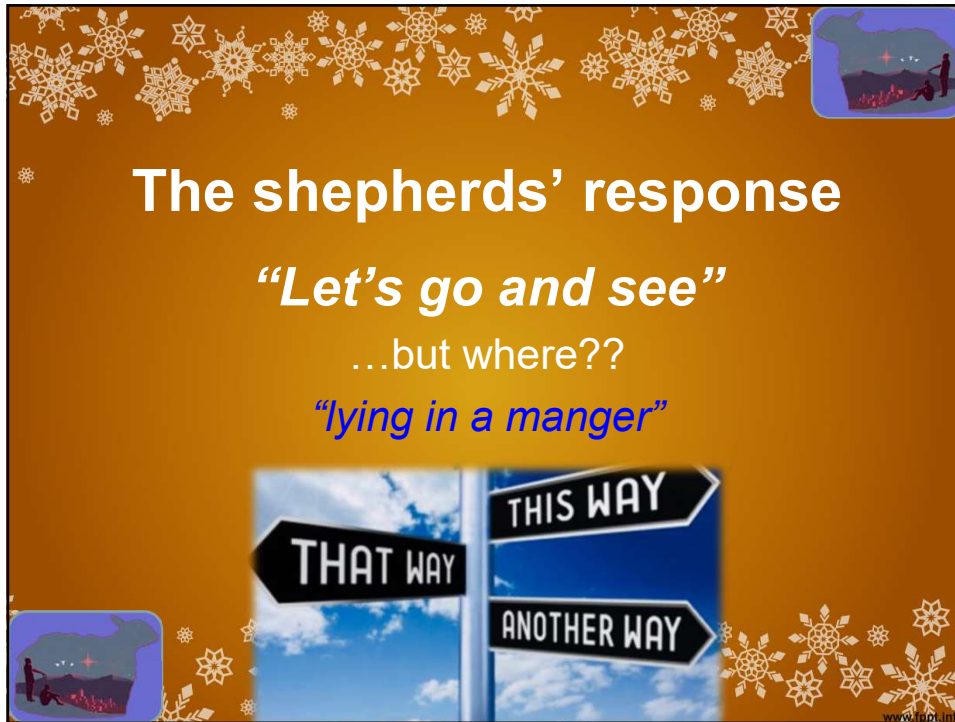


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## The shepherds' response

*"Let's go and see"*  
...but where??  
*"lying in a manger"*



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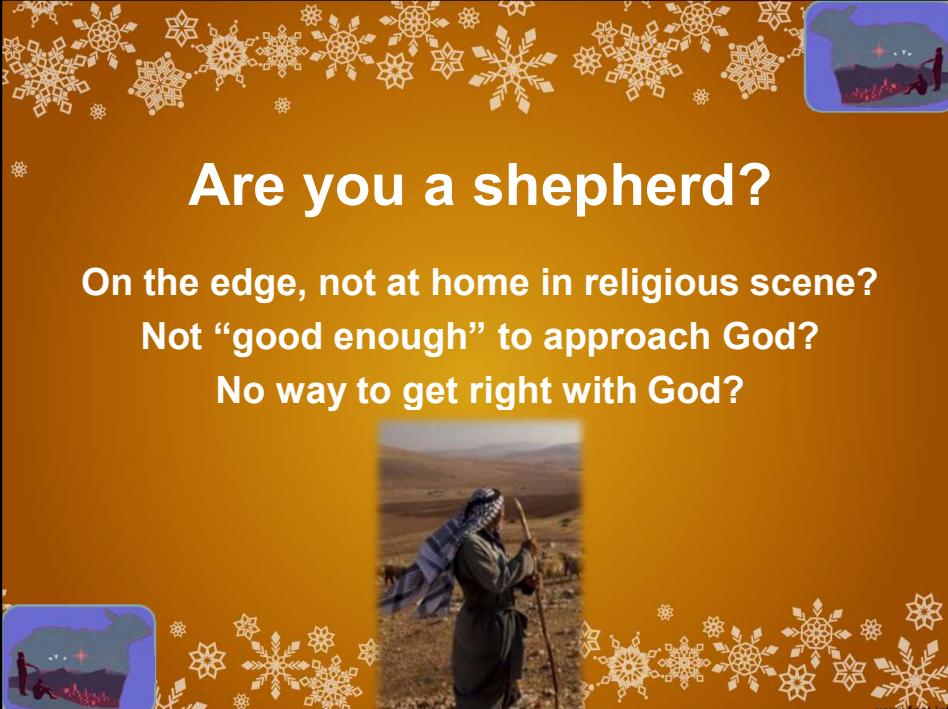


## Let's go to the manger

- **Micah 4:8**  
As for you, watchtower of the flock, stronghold of daughter Zion, the former dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come to daughter Jerusalem.




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## Are you a shepherd?

On the edge, not at home in religious scene?  
Not “good enough” to approach God?  
No way to get right with God?



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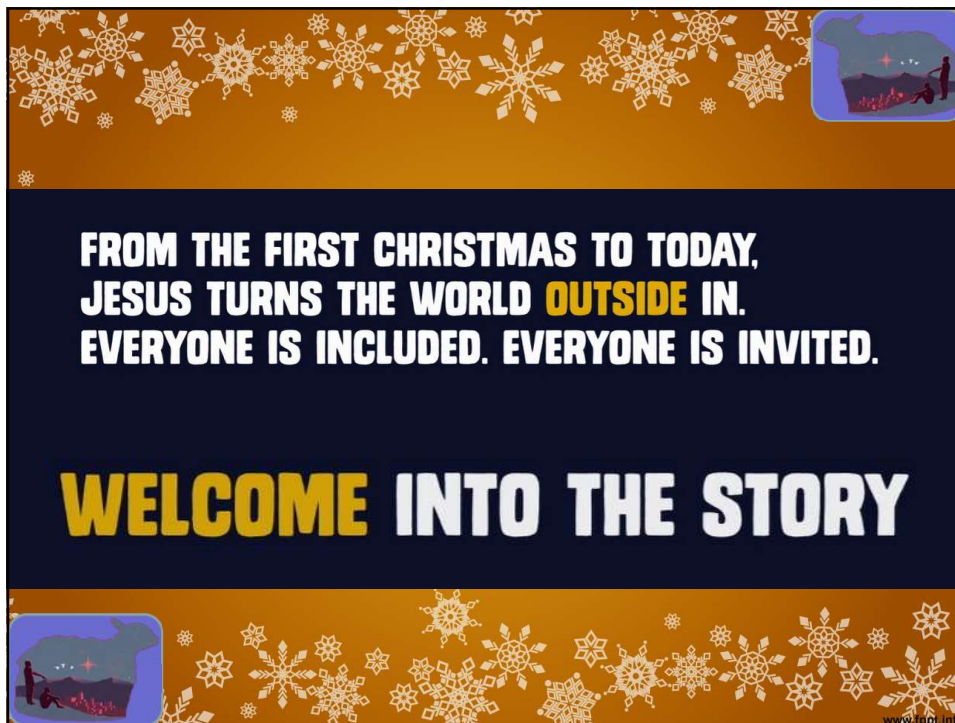
## The angel's message to shepherds



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**FROM THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TO TODAY,  
JESUS TURNS THE WORLD **OUTSIDE** IN.  
EVERYONE IS INCLUDED. EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

**WELCOME INTO THE STORY**

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