

## The Sounds of Christmas: A Song of Hope

Luke 2:8-20

Intro: House wife with 4 children, not particularly important in society

Does Christmas have a word for her?

Factory worker doing repetitive work, family, low education

Does Christmas have a word for him?

Migrant workers picking fruit, family, terrible living conditions

Does Christmas have a word for them?

If Christmas has no word for all of them, it has no word for us.

CHRISTMAS DOES HAVE A WORD FOR THEM AND FOR US!

Text The Angels' Song of Hope came to shepherds, unimportant people.

Hard workers – never considered important – but

The angels came not the kind or powerful, but the Shepherds

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I. A Song of hope: We matter, we are loved.

God came into the world in a baby to show that He is love.

The announcement came to the unlovely shepherds

They never felt important but the angel chose them! Value went up.

God cared for them.

Verse 10-11

"YOU"

Jerry was a problem child – just looking to be noticed.

D.T. Nile writes about a shepherd boy, "How many sheep?"

"Can't count but I know them by name"

II. A Song of hope: Life has meaning because God is in it.

Shepherds had plenty of time to think:

What is the purpose of life – where is God?

Angel's announcement – life matters and God cares.

Messiah is here...Hedge-hoppers to see baby. Announce

First ray of hope for centuries – hope for the world.

III. A Song of hope: Faith matters, it is not in vain.

God's Chosen People- oppressed, suffering, why faith?

Angels' song – Your faith is right!

Saw baby Christ, went out praising and glorifying God

Confident

Conclusion: *Hark! The herald angels sing,*

*Glory to the newborn King;*

*Peace on earth, and mercy mild;*

*God and sinners reconciled.*

CHRIST HAS BEEN BORN. HE HAS COME FOR YOU AND ME. TODAY WE CAN SING  
THE SONG OF HOPE.