



“Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord’s angel stood before them, the Lord’s glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David’s city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, “Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.” When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go right now to Bethlehem and see what’s happened. Let’s confirm what the Lord has revealed to us.” They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.” **Luke 2:8-20 CEB**

JESUS CAME FOR _____, LOOK WHO HE TOLD _____.

Shepherds Could Not Be _____ Or Even _____ in Court.

Some Rabbis _____ People From Being Shepherds Out Of _____.

Some Rabbis Were _____ by God Being Called A _____.

1. JESUS GIVES ME THE PURPOSE TO _____ AND _____ HIM – OUR _____

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” **Isaiah 9:6 NIV**

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” **Deuteronomy 6:5 CSB**

“The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship Him.” **John 4:23 CSB**

2. JESUS GIVES ME THE PURPOSE TO _____ AND _____ FOR OTHERS – OUR _____

“For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak & the needy & save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression & violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.” **Psalms 72:12-14, NIV**

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” **John 13:34 NIV**

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” **Galatians 6:2 NIV**

3. JESUS GIVES ME THE PURPOSE TO _____ THE _____ – OUR _____.

“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.” **Isaiah 42:6-7 (NIV)**

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.” **Matthew 28:19-20 CSB**

“You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” **Matthew 5:14-16 CSB**

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” **Ephesians 2:10 NIV**

