

“They Smelt Like Sheep!”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NLT

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest.

A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up.

A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

Everyone matters to God.

Luke 2:8 NLT

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

Verse 9

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were **terrified**,

Verse 10-12

but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. **The Savior**—yes, **the Messiah, the Lord**—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

Verse 13-14

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Verse 10

“I bring you good news that will bring great joy to **all people**.”

1 John 5:12 NLT

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

Finding Jesus involved exploration.

Proverbs 9:10 NLT

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom.

Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

Luke 2:15 NLT

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “**Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see** this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.

Luke 6:45 NLT

A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Luke 2:17-18 NLT

After seeing him, the shepherds **told everyone** what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were **astonished**,

Luke 19:10 NLT

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Psalm 51:12 NLT

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.