

# *Fear Not*



*Messages of the Christmas Angels*

PART 4

## **The Light of Christmas**

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### **Message Notes:**



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# Daily Meditations

## Monday

Read Luke 2:8–12. Christmas Day may be over, but we're going to spend some more time in the Christmas story this week. Why do you think the message of Jesus' birth comes to shepherds, of all people?

Why is Jesus born in a stable with a manger for a bed? What point do you think God is making?

*Thank God that He comes for all the people, even for the most unlikely — like you and me! Ask Him to help you see all people as objects of His love.*

## Tuesday

Read Luke 2:11–15. What are the three titles of Jesus given by the angels? What does each mean?

What does this tell you about Jesus' true identity?

Reread Isaiah 9:6. Choose one of these titles of the Messiah and answer this question: How have you experienced Jesus to be like this in your life?

*Thank God today for each of the names of Jesus you studied today. Ask God to help you make Christ the Lord of your life in all areas, and not just in name only.*

## Wednesday

Read Luke 2:16–20. Look at the responses in these verses: Great joy, praise, curiosity, amazement, telling others, thoughtful meditation. Which of these responses to the Good News are present in your life? In what way do they show themselves? If some are missing, why?

What can you do to recover these responses?

*Ask God to help you develop whichever response is weakest in your life!*

## Thursday

Spend some time today simply re-reading the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-20. In light of the promises made to them about their son, how might Mary and Joseph have felt when Jesus was born in a stable?

What does this story say about God's control of political powers and "closed doors"? How can this encourage you as you head into 2012?

God appeared to these shepherds when they were just being themselves; doing their jobs. What does this teach you about how God works? How can this reassure you?

*Thank God today for the birth of Jesus. Pray for the eyes to see God's work in your life in the normal, everyday experiences.*

## Friday

Reread Luke 2:17–18. After finding Jesus, what did the shepherds do? What kinds of reactions did they get when they told others?

What does this teach you about your role in telling others about Jesus?

*Thank God today for the people who told you about Jesus. Ask God to help you recover/maintain your enthusiasm for Christ's birth as the new year begins. Pray that your enthusiasm will impact your relationships for the better!*

## Saturday

Read Philippians 2:1-11. Starting in verse five, Paul essentially describes what Christmas must have been like for Jesus! Paul says we are to have the same attitude Jesus had when he became human. What do you think he means by that?

In what practical ways can you have the same spirit in the coming week (and new year!)?

*Thank God today for coming to earth and showing us how to live. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you struggle to have His attitude. Ask Him to give you the strength, humility and patience to grow in faith. Please pray for this weekend's services as we start our new series, "Just Like Jesus". Thanks!*



The true light  
that gives light to everyone  
was coming into the world.  
*1 John 1:9*