

## Dig Deeper

For *Christmas questions: Why Shepherds?*

December 14, 2025

### Luke 2:8

1. Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem? *See Luke 2:1-4*. How did this fit God's time schedule? *See Galatians 4:4-5*
2. How did Micah describe the one born in Bethlehem in Micah 5:2? Was this considered a messianic prediction? *See Matthew 2:6*
3. Why may it be significant that Abel was a shepherd? *See Genesis 4:2 and Hebrews 11:4*
4. What does God predict in Ezekiel 34:7-12 and Jeremiah 23:1-8?
5. What are the precise promises made to the shepherds in Luke 2:9-12?
6. How did the shepherds respond to the announcement? *See Luke 15-20*
7. How is Mary an excellent model for us to listen to God's word? *See Luke 2:19*