

The *Greatest* Birth announcement EVER!

INTRO: *Humans have celebrated the birth of children since the very beginning with some form of announcement (Cf. Gen. 4:1). Messiah's birth, the greatest miracle in history, deserved an announcement that equaled its majesty. Today we study the Angel's announcement to the shepherds.*

I. The greatest birth announcement *came from* the _____ **in _____. *The privilege of announcing Messiah's birth belonged not to Joseph and Mary but to God.***

II. The greatest birth announcement *came to* the _____ **on _____. *Shepherding was a menial job. God's choice to announce first to shepherds reflected Messiah's humble birth and the fact that only those humble in heart would embrace Jesus as Savior.***

III. The greatest birth announcement brought _____ **to _____ **and** _____ **to** _____. *The announcement was an expression of worship in heaven to the One who deserves all glory, and offered hope to a sinful humanity upon whom God's favor rested.***