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# Why Shepherds?

*His Sheep Hear His Voice*  
**Luke 2:8-20**

## **1. There is an obvious shepherd theme in the Bible.**

Matthew 2:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

John 10:11-18 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—

## **2. The shepherd was among the least presumptuous during Bible times.**

1 Corinthians 1:18-21 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

<sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

<sup>28</sup> He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are,  
<sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him.

Psalms 95:6-8 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

<sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if you hear his voice,

<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts ...

**Is my heart and mind in a place where I can best see Him?**

**To miss Him is to miss it all.**