

Why the Shepherds?

◆ Mary

Luke 1:28, 30, 38, 42, 45-46, 48-50

◆ Joseph

(Matthew 1:19-20) "Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

{20} But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

(Matthew 1:24) "Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,"

◆ The Wise man

(Daniel 9:25) "'Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; ..."

(Matthew 2:1-2) "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, {2} saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.""

(Matthew 2:11-12) "And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. {12} Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way."

◆ Simeon and Anna

Luke 2:25-30, 36-38

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Luke 2:8-18

(Acts 10:39-42) "'And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. {40} "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, {41} "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. {42} "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead."

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