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The Wonder of His Invitation

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- + For 700 years Israel has been waiting.
- + These two stories do not happen at the same time.
 - ✦ Shepherds arrive on the birth night.
 - ← Wise men arrive sometime within a 2 year span.
- + There is no record of the amount of people present.
- The story begins in a stable and ends in a home.

Notes:____

1. TO THE OUTCASTS

Luke 2:8 (ESV)-And in the same region there were <u>shepherds out in</u> the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

2. TO THE SEEKERS

Matthew 2:1-2 (ESV)- Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, <u>wise men from the east</u> came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For <u>we saw his star when it rose</u> and have come to worship him

3. TO THE RELIGIOUS

Matthew 2:3-5 (ESV)-When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and <u>all Jerusalem with him</u>; and assembling <u>all the chief</u> <u>priests and scribes of the people</u>, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea...

4. TO THE WORLD

Luke 2:10 (ESV)- And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Life Application Section

A. Wonder at His worshippers.

Luke 2:8 (ESV)-And in the same region there were shepherds...

Matthew 2:1 (ESV)-...behold, wise men from the east came ...

B. Wonder at His signs.

Luke 2:12 (ESV)-This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Matthew 2:2 (ESV)-For we saw his star when it rose....

C. Wonder at His invitation.

Luke 2:10 (ESV)- And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Here Is The Point: The Christmas story is full of Wonder!