

# Luke 2:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

## Analysis

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The shepherds' response—'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass'—demonstrates faith expressed in immediate action. Their words 'which the Lord hath made known unto us' show recognition that the angel's message came from God. They didn't debate whether to go but exhorted each other to immediate obedience. The phrase 'come to pass' indicates their faith that what angels announced has actually occurred. Their willingness to leave flocks unguarded shows the priority of spiritual reality over economic security. This models proper response to divine revelation: immediate, corporate, faith-filled action to investigate and worship what God has revealed.

## Historical Context

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Shepherds leaving flocks at night risked financial loss and violated occupational responsibility, yet they prioritized seeing what God had done. Their immediate response contrasts with others who would later reject Christ despite greater evidence. Simple shepherds demonstrated faith that educated rulers would lack.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

### Study Questions

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1. How does genuine faith express itself in immediate obedience and action?
2. What does the shepherds' willingness to risk their livelihood teach about priorities?
3. How should we respond when God reveals His work to us?

### Interlinear Text

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Καὶ	γεγονὸς	ὥς	ἀπῆλθον	ἀπ'	αὐτῶν	εἰς	ὃ
And	it came to pass	as	were gone away	from	them	into	which
G2532	G1096	G5613	G565	G575	G846	G1519	G3588
οὐρανὸν	ὃ	ἄγγελοι	Καὶ	ὃ	ἄνθρωποι	ὃ	ποιμένες
heaven	which	the angels	And	which	the	which	shepherds
G3772	G3588	G32	G2532	G3588	G444	G3588	G4166
εἶπον	πρὸς	ἀλλήλους	Διέλθωμεν	δὴ	ἕως	Βηθλέεμ	
said	to	another	Let us	now	even unto	Bethlehem	
G2036	G4314	G240	G1330	G1211	G2193	G965	
Καὶ	ἴδωμεν	ὃ	ῥῆμα	τοῦτο	ὃ	γεγονὸς	ὃ ὃ
And	see	which	thing	this	which	it came to pass	G3739 which
G2532	G1492	G3588	G4487	G5124	G3588	G1096	G3588
κύριος	ἐγνώρισεν	ἡμῖν					
the Lord	hath made known	unto us					
G2962	G1107	G2254					

### Additional Cross-References

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**1 Peter 3:22** (Creation): Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

**Psalms 111:2** (References Lord): The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

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