



Fear Not

Shepherds: This doesn't make sense! (Luke 2:6-20)

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BIG IDEA: We should act on that which we do understand even when we don't feel like we understand it all.

1. There are some things we will never understand that can be frightening (vs 6-8).
2. God says that even in the midst of our fears that there are things we can hold on to (vs 10-14).
 - God understands that we can be afraid - God loves us right where we are and doesn't expect us to enter into things already being perfect.
 - God doesn't allow those excuses to leave us where we are.

It's a simple message:

1. **Who** - The question of who is something that people look all over for - but the angels detail this specifically - our savior is not some sort of belief system - our salvation is not from attending church often enough, doing good works, or anything else - our salvation is through our Savior - through Jesus. He is the period in our list of question marks.
2. **Where** - Second, is how to find him. God didn't design this to be something that was confusing. The way we learn about Jesus is the way we "know about Jesus" - through the Bible, through the Holy Scriptures.
3. **What to do** - They got everyone together and gave their lives to praise God.

III. Acting on what you know changes the world for those around you (vs 17-19).

- Seeing an angel had changed their direction. Seeing the Christ had changed their hearts and they couldn't help but share it.

IV. Acting on what you know changes you (vs 20).

My Next Step

What is something that I know I should be moving forward on but haven't because of fear of the unknown?