



DAY 31



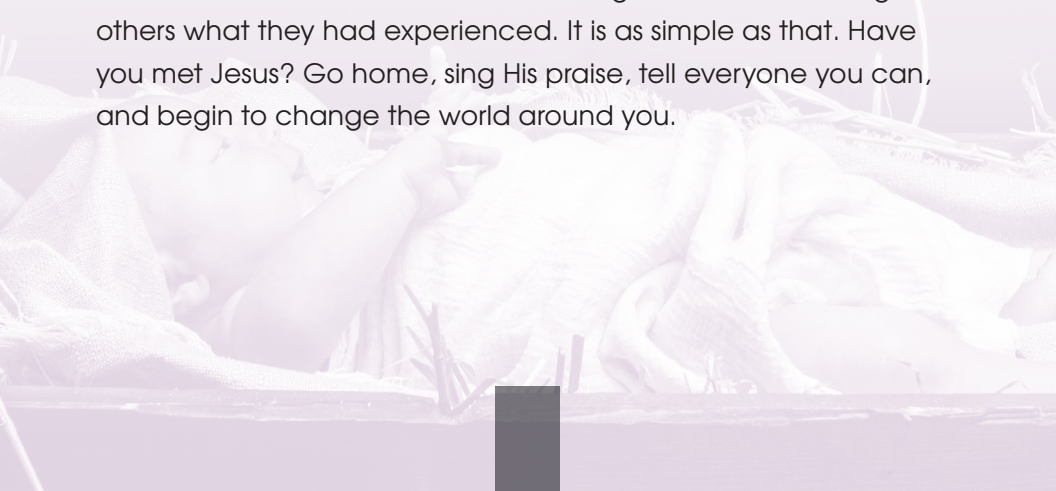
## LUKE 2:20

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**The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God  
for all the things they had heard and seen,  
which were just as they had been told.**

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You can bet the shepherds had plenty to talk about that night! What began as a normal evening ended up as the most transformative of their lives. But how did the evening end up for them? They returned to their sheep. Make no mistake when you have an encounter with Jesus, you will be changed. Your outlook, your heart, your hope will forevermore be defined by that meeting with Jesus. What we often expect, however, is for him to change our circumstances too. What if he doesn't? What if where you are is exactly where he has called you to be, can you continue to exist there with your new-found reality? The shepherds were a humble lot, and theirs was a lowly calling. When they encountered the incarnate Christ, they were changed, and then sent back to their homes and hills to begin the work of telling others what they had experienced. It is as simple as that. Have you met Jesus? Go home, sing His praise, tell everyone you can, and begin to change the world around you.



Have you been asking God to change your circumstances, or have you been asking Him to use you in the circumstances where He placed you?

Do those around you (friends, family, co-workers) know of your love for Jesus?

*Jesus, thank you for coming to meet me where I am. Thank you for changing my path from sin and destruction to hope and new life. Please help me to see the world around me as an opportunity to share this great news, and may I have the same zeal the shepherds had after spending time with you. Amen*

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