

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Unpredictable?

Luke 2:1-20

God reveals who **He is**, and who **we are**

- **John 1:1-4, 12, 14 & 18**
- **John 20:21 & Romans 8:29**

He reveals Himself by **how He lives...**

And by **who** He reveals Himself to

After 430 years of silence, God begins announcing His coming revelation:

- **Zach** (Who's son will prepare for and announce Him publicly)
- **Mary**
- **Joseph**
- **Shepherds**

All with the same angelic encouragement – **“Do not be afraid”**

“This may not be what you expected”

The first three - **individuals**

Then – the first **public, group announcement**

Shepherds occupied the bottom rung of the social ladder

God had revealed Himself to David (as a shepherd), who wrote:

“The Lord is my shepherd”

*If The Lord is David's shepherd, then He is **A Shepherd.***

Matthew 5:3 (First of the first) & **11:29** (“I am lowly in heart”)

Luke 2:17, “Now when they had seen Him, **they made widely known** the saying which was told them concerning this Child.”

Who listened to them? (Who did they speak with?)

Who do most people listen to? (**People like themselves**)

If that's who God told first, who did He want it spread through... and why? (**Matt. 11:29**)

Who did Jesus live among?

Who did The Father lead Him to surround Himself with?

Who listens to us? (People like us)

- Married
- Family
- Kids & Grandkids
- Personal interests & Employment

Why not the love of Jesus, too?

Lunch with Tim

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After 430 years of **not** speaking publicly...

WHO was He speaking to?

The obscure, the lowly (Matt. 11:29), the ordinary

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So... **who** & **how** might He prefer to use today?

Acts 1:8

What is **the message** of Christmas?

Receive the love of Christ and **love like He does**