

The Shepherds



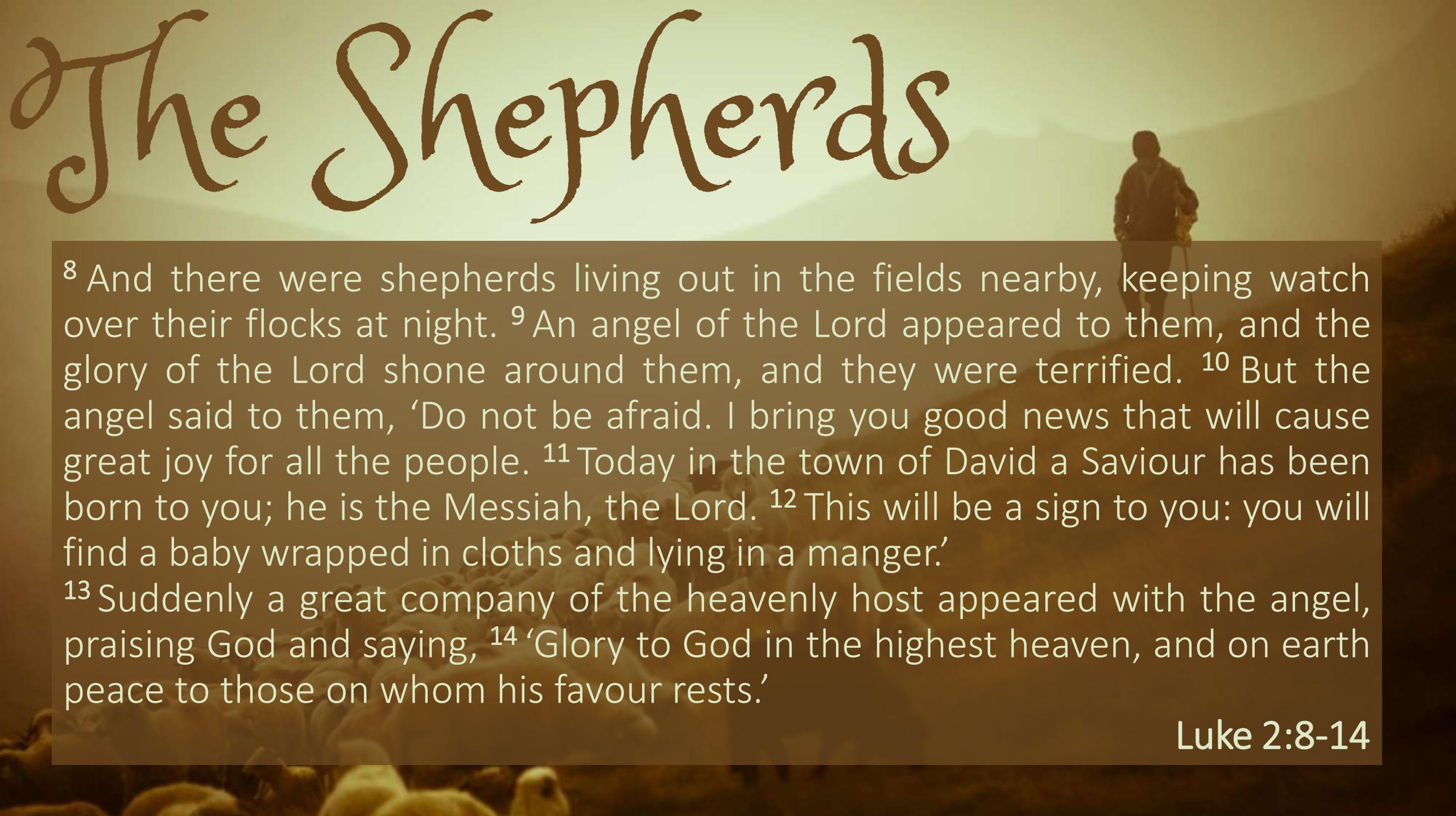
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A shepherd stands on a grassy hillside, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape. In the foreground, a large flock of sheep is gathered, some looking towards the camera. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a soft, overcast sky.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:6-7

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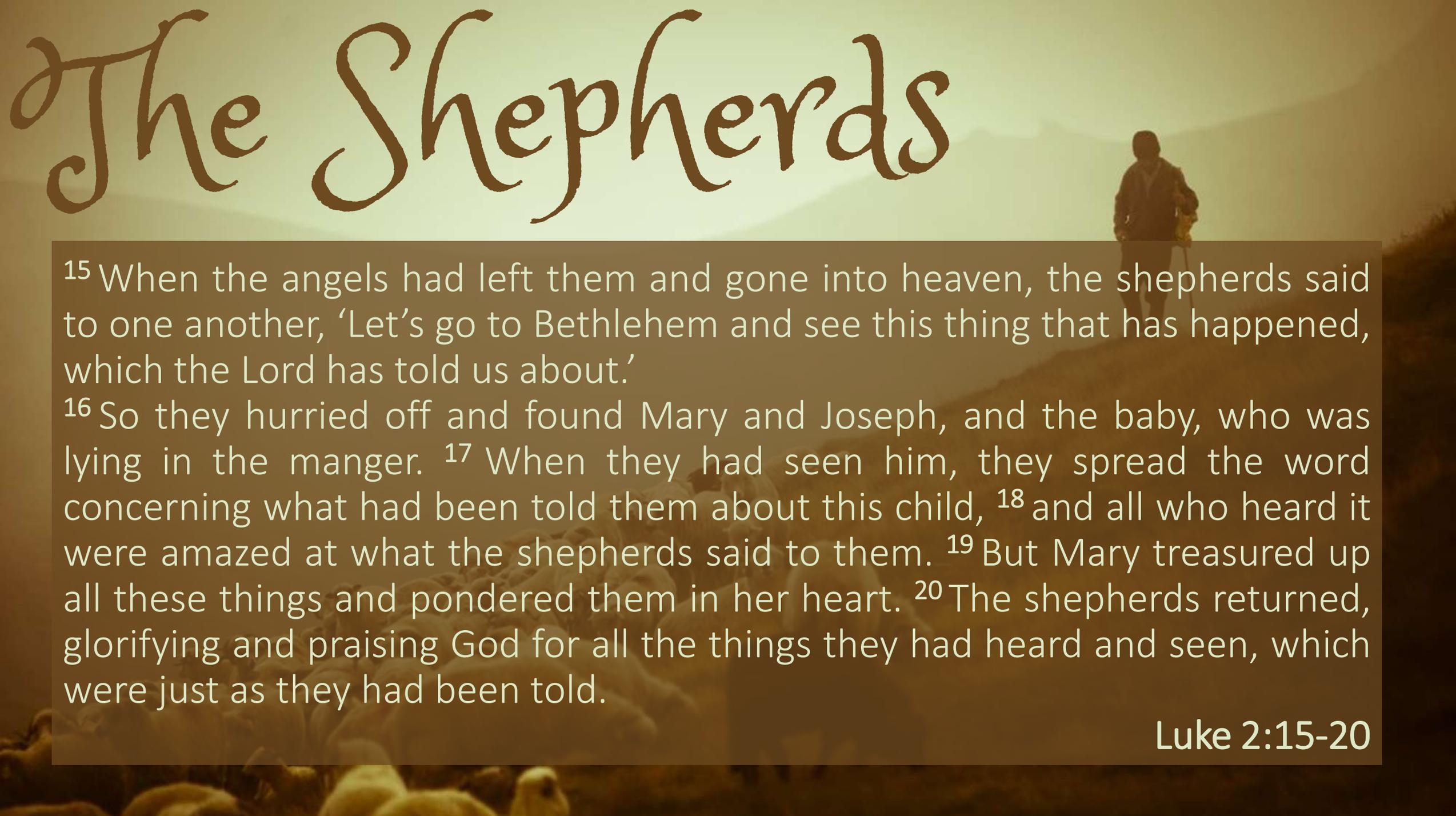
A shepherd is silhouetted against a hazy, golden light, standing in a field. In the foreground, a large flock of sheep is visible, though they are out of focus. The background shows rolling hills or mountains under a soft, warm sky.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

Luke 2:8-14

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A shepherd is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky, standing on a hillside. Below him, a large flock of sheep is visible, though somewhat out of focus. The overall scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting either dawn or dusk.

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:15-20