

"Risking It All"  
Luke 2:8-20  
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Introduction: Luke 2:8-14

On the fringes of society (Luke 2:8)

1. Shepherds were nobodies.
2. Shepherds were considered to be unreliable and often untruthful.
3. Shepherds lived outside.
4. Shepherds were poor.

God's surprising first choice to hear about the Christmas story: (Lu 2:8-14)

Who was God's first choice to receive the Christmas announcement?

The shepherds

IV. The difficulty of the shepherds decision (Lu 2:15-20)

1. The shepherds had to decide what to do with the information they received.
2. Shepherds have one all-important job: to stay with the sheep.
3. For a shepherd to leave his sheep is like a soldier leaving his guard post.
4. For these shepherds to leave their sheep would be a significant risk.

What decision did the shepherds make? (Luke 2:15,16)

The shepherds risked it all to come to Jesus.

The shepherds next decision (Lu 2:17-20)

What did the shepherds do next after finding Jesus in Bethlehem  
lying in a manger?

They started testifying what they had been told concerning Jesus. (Lu2:17-20)

VI. Conclusion: Would you be willing to risk it all and come  
to Jesus this Christmas?