

## “The Miracle of Christmas: God’s Announcement”

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**What** A few days after Bill and Bob met the infant Savior, the two shepherds wonder why God would've chosen them to meet His Son. This is a comedic take on shepherds' experience described in Luke 2.

**Themes:** Christmas, Shepherd, Comedy, Wonder, Praise, Jesus

**Who** Bill  
Bob

**When** This duet is set just days after the shepherds visited the newborn King Jesus in the stable.

**Wear (Props)** Shepherds can be dressed in traditional biblical costume or in casual working clothes.  
Both shepherds wear sunglasses. If shepherds wear tradition biblical costume, you could also use a staff.

**Why** Luke 2:8-20

**How** This is a comedic take on the shepherds’ experience described in Luke 2. These two shepherds have Southern accents and the conversation should be casual.

**Time** Approximately 3 minutes

*Lights Up.*

*Bob and Bill stand center stage. Both are wearing sunglasses.*

**Bob:** Howdy Bill.

**Bill:** Howdy Bob. I ain't seen you in days! Not since that evening when the miracle happened! How's your flock tending?

**Bob:** They're doing mighty fine, Bill. I was plum scared to drop everything and just leave 'em for Bethlehem that night, but do you know, when we got back, there they were, safe and sound! All ninety-nine of 'em. Narry a wolf in sight. How 'bout yours?

**Bill:** Oh, they're fair to middlin', I guess. Poor ole Travis still getting lost in the mountains every other day.

**Bob:** Isn't that the wild one I helped you with last shearing season? The one we...

**Both:** *(together)* dropped on its head?

**Bill:** Yeah, that's the one. Ain't never been the same since, bless his heart. Can't raise his neck up very well, so he keeps his head down while grazing. Looks like he's playing bumper cars with the rest of the flock...

**Bob:** Now that's a plum shame. *(Beat)* You still wearing sunglasses for your eyes?

**Bill:** Yep, you?

**Bob:** The light coming off of them angels was brighter than the sun. I reckon I'd keep wearing these babies just in case God decides to send any more messengers to us again.

**Bill:** My thoughts exactly. Never hurts to be prepared. Hey Bob, I've been thinking...

**Bob:** *(sarcastically)* Good for you, Bill.

**Bill:** Why do you reckon God chose us of all people?

**Bob:** What do you mean?

**Bill:** Well, God could've sent His angels to anyone, anywhere, with the good news of the Messiah's birth. Why us? We ain't nobody special. I don't have a theology degree or go to the temple every time the doors are open. And you...well, just look at ya!

**Bob:** *(sarcastically)* Gee thanks, Bill. You're a real Barnabas.

**Bill:** Who's Barn-ah-bus?

**Bob:** Oh, he doesn't show up until several books after us...

**Bill:** Oh.

**Bob:** *(tone turns serious)* I don't know why God would choose someone like us, but I sure am glad He did.

**Bill:** Yeah, and to hear it straight from the source Himself—that God's chosen Redeemer had finally been born in the sleepy little town of Bethlehem.

**Bob:** Why didn't God announce it to the priests in the temple of Jerusalem? Ain't they the ones with all the knowledge? The experts on all the prophecies about the King?

**Bill:** The King of the Jews, born in a barn. And His royal announcement is sent to us, the lowest of men. I ain't ever gonna understand it.

**Bob:** Yeah, it really was a marvel to behold. God didn't forget about us! He made a way for all people to hear the good news, and we were sure blessed to get to see the newborn King and worship Him at the manger.

*Addressing the audience now.*

**Bill:** God's announcement was a miracle. It was a welcome mat for all who would, to come and worship, no matter who you are or what you do or how little you have.

**Bob:** And He still welcomes us today. So ya'll grab your sunglasses and come worship the newborn King!

*Lights Out.*