

Scripture Reading -

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ^[a] the Lord.

¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." 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 2:8-20 (NKJ)

Symbols "The Tree"

"For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again, And that its tender shoots will not cease."

Job 14:7 (NKJV)

This is what I saw as I was stretched out on my bed. I saw a big towering tree at the center of the world. As I watched, the tree grew huge and strong. Its top reached the sky and it could be seen from the four corners of the earth. Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant—enough food for everyone! Wild animals found shelter under it, birds nested in its branches, everything living was fed and sheltered by it.

Daniel 4:10-12 (MSG)

"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us for it is written, 'CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE.'"

Galatians 3:13 (NASB)

"Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-by whose stripes you were healed."

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

"And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."

I Peter 2:24 (NASB)

1. We Remember

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross [tree]."

1 Peter 2:24a (NASB)

2. We Recognize

"And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness."

1 Peter 2:24 (NASB)

"For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again, And that its tender shoots will not cease."

Job 14:7 (NKJV)

3. We Rejoice

"For by His wounds you were healed."

1 Peter 2:24 (NASB)