Jesus is the Good News of Great Joy
Luke 2:8-20

The good news of Christ often shows up when we're _____
_____ it.

The angelic messenger showed up when the shepherds
were at their _____ _____ the sheep.
    Luke 2:8

The angel appeared to _____, and to
_____, and to _____ when they weren't
expecting it.
    Luke 1:11, 26–28; Matthew 1:20

The Scriptures declare that seeking God is not
_____ to _____ humans (total depravity
or radical corruption).
    Romans 3:11

> *Our problem with sin is that it is rooted in the*
> *_____ of our being. It permeates our hearts…sin*
> *is at our core and not merely at the _____ of*
> *our lives.*
>   Sproul, R. C., ed. 2015. *The Reformation Study Bible: English*
>   *Standard Version (2015 Edition)*. Orlando, FL: Reformation Trust.

God chose shepherds to be the _____ to hear of the
_____ of the Messiah.

Shepherds were the _____ of society.
    Luke 2:10–11

Shepherds were declared to be _____ by the
religious elite.
> *Many shepherds were accused of _____*
> *and using land they had no rights to.*
>   Butler, Trent C. 2000. *Luke*. Vol. 3. Holman New Testament
>   Commentary. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

> *In the Talmud (treatise 'Sanhedrin') we read they were*
> *not to be allowed in the courts as _____.*

In the treatise "Avodah-Zarah' no help must be given to the _____ or to shepherds.

Spence-Jones, H. D. M., ed. 1909. *St. Luke*. Vol. 1. The Pulpit Commentary. London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

God often _____ that which the world thinks _____ of.
1 Corinthians 1:28–29

The good news is received with _____ _____ by those whom God chooses.

The good news is that a _____ has been _____.
Luke 2:10–11; Acts 8:35

The news is good because a way has been provided by which sinners can be at _____ with _____.
Luke 2:14; Ephesians 2:17–18; 1 Peter 1:22–25

Like the shepherds, hearing about the good news _____ a _____.

The shepherds acted in _____, _____ what the angel had proclaimed to them.
Luke 2:15–16; Romans 16:25-27

Like the shepherds, when we meet the Savior by faith, we _____ to life, _____ than before.
Luke 2:16–18

Like the shepherds, when we see the Savior by faith, we cannot help but _____.
Luke 2:20; Colossians 3:16; Acts 16:25

Not only did the shepherd rejoice when they believed God's word and saw the Savior, but the very _____ in _____ rejoiced.
Luke 15:7, 10; 12:8