

Unexpected Visitors  
Christmas Series 2014 #3 – December 21, 2014  
Matt. 2:1-12, Luke 2:8-20

**Read Matthew 2:1-12, Luke 2:8-20**

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 how familiar with the events surrounding Jesus' birth would you say you are?
  - a. How can being familiar with something be a blessing?
  - b. How can being familiar with something be a negative?
  - c. How do you keep the events of Jesus' birth from becoming familiar in a negative way?
2. Do you find anything surprising in shepherds and Magi being visitors to Jesus as a baby?
  - a. Who would be like the shepherds of today?
  - b. Who would be like the Magi today?
  - c. Is there any group of people missing you would expect to have been witnesses to the birth of the Messiah?
  - d. What insights or lessons do you draw from this?
3. Of all the people God could have sent angels to, why shepherds?
  - a. How does God doing this relate to Mary's song recorded in Luke 1:46-55?
4. One common theme about the angelic appearances in the events surrounding Jesus' birth is that all of the people visited by angels were just going about their life, being themselves. What does this say about what it means to be 'spiritual'?

Scripture Memorization:  
Luke 2:14