

AN IMAGINATIVE CHRISTMAS
IMAGINE BEING ONE OF THE SHEPHERDS
LUKE 2:6–20



The Heart of the Matter

Those who work “behind the scenes” are usually forgotten people. We tend to overlook them. We don’t even ask their names. When was the last time you bothered to talk with the UPS or FedEx person who delivers your packages? If you have your lawn cared for by others, when’s the last time you thanked them? In most cases, these and others like them, do their work anonymously. In fact, they expect to be overlooked. They often feel like nobodies. This was certainly how the shepherds of the Christmas story felt . . . until they received a visit from heaven.



Discovering the Way

1. The Dark Side of the Christmas Story

Most of us don’t like to think about it amid the lights and presents of Christmas, but the original story began on the dark side.

2. The Christmas Light Shines on the Nobodies (Luke 2:6–20)

Jesus’s first evangelists were no-named nomads—the shepherds watching their flocks in the Bethlehem fields. Amazing!

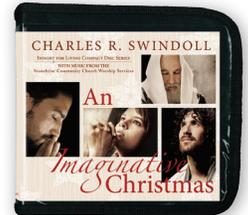


Starting Your Journey

To you who feel anonymous and overlooked, you have a Savior who knows you. To you who have been shamed, you have an Advocate who forgives you. To you who feel like misfits, you have a place where Christ cares for you. And to you who have been chosen to share the good news, you have a mission to reach the no-names, the anonymous, and the nobodies.



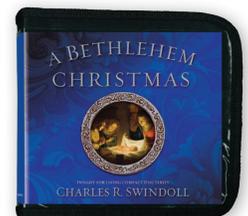
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