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*Putting Him in
Perspective*

The Sharing Gift

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Scripture: Luke 2:11 - 12 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Shepherds were tending their sheep and an angel appeared to share the Good News! The birth announcement of Jesus the Christ. He finally made his arrival. The prophecy came to pass. The shepherds went in haste to see what was spoken and found Jesus, just as the angel had said. They witnessed to others what they had seen and heard. But they didn't finish there, they returned glorifying and praising God.

The artwork depicted on cards show the birth of Christ, a beautiful glowing baby surrounded by visitors, farm animals, and His parents. While all of this is true, it does not bring the reality of the cave that housed the manger (trough to feed the animals). Jesus came humble yet relatable. He didn't come in the finest of clothes, nor in a castle or a crown on His head. When we look at the angels who appeared to the shepherds and told them of the sign that would identify Jesus, the angels found them working in the field, tending to their sheep, and providing them safety. They were serving. It is written, in Matthew 20:28, that Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life a ransom for many.

According to Matthew 25:35-39, the righteous ask the Lord, "When did we see you?" In verse 40, the King replied, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." When thinking of that perfect gift to share with a loved one, why not share the gift of Jesus in service. I have found that when I serve others, they tend to thank God with praise! Jesus came simple, yet relatable. His purpose was to serve, not to be served.

Let's not overlook the perfect gift, Jesus. Whenever we have the opportunity to serve others, we will find Him. Share the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

The Perfect Gift.