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December 24, 2014

Announcing . . .

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of
the heavenly host praising God . . .
Luke 2:13*

Grand Announcement

Many people will have a sentimental, warm, happy feeling when they hear this portion of the Christmas story. They will think it is really very, very nice that there were angels proclaiming peace on earth. We do need a lot more peace on earth. However, the announcement made by the angels does not have the wishful, sentimental value we can be tempted to give it. This announcement is much different.

A New King Is Taking Over

In the Roman Empire whenever Caesar came to town there would be a large choir of citizens from that town singing songs in Caesar's honor announcing that he had arrived. The choir of angels is really announcing in the same way that a new King has arrived, one different from and superior to Caesar. This choir of angels is far better than any other choir. It is announcing a King who is above every other king. Everyone in the Roman Empire at the time of Jesus' birth would have understood the significance of the presence of the choir of angels in the story. He had come to rule the whole world.

What About You?

How is Jesus announcing His presence in your life today? What is He saying He would like to do in and through your life? How is He demonstrating His Lordship to you? How do you respond to Him? With whom can you share your story of how you responded to Jesus?

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 Candlelight Service at 6:00pm

Sunday, December 28, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Centerville Circle of Prayeriness would thrive and many businesses and families would prosper through the construction provided by this business.

Diocese of Virginia

For all baptized persons in their daily life and work.

Metropolitan Richmond

For families of Metropolitan Richmond: for an end to child abuse: for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for families going through divorce; and for all in the midst of life transitions.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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