



VIA, VERITAS, VITA

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Christ said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." He did not say I am A way, or A truth, or A life...He said, I am THE. There is the only one way, and it must run through Christ. From Him all truth is born, and He is the foundation of eternal life. Christ was, is, and will be

ponder these things in her heart." I envy Mary's approach. The Middle Eastern world has been flipped on its head, shepherds are going ballistic, Herod is in the palace pacing, Wiseman are traveling, angels are rejoicing... and then there is

*We can't enjoy the first time Christ appears unless we are prepared for His second appearing.
"Christmas is an indictment before it's a celebration"- John Piper*

forever; He is the reason for the season. Yet, how easy is it to forget this, especially this time of year? Riddled with holiday parties, concerts, events and games, it is not hard to find ourselves drifting from one moment to another losing sight of the real reason, the cause for our celebrations.

The Bible states that Mary, upon hearing the shepherds speak, began to, "treasure and

Mary. Sitting, quietly, treasuring up and pondering what she had just heard. It would do us well to learn from Mary this season. What did she treasure? What was she pondering? The answer is found in verse 8 in the second chapter of the gospel of Luke:

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over

Upcoming events



12/19 - G JV/V vs. Providence, 6 p.m. tip

12/20 - G JV/V vs. South Central, JV 4:30 p.m. V 6 p.m.

12/20 - B JV/V vs. South Central, JV 4:30 p.m. V 7:30 p.m.

12/21 - Alumni Game, 1 p.m.

12/21 - B JV/V vs. Switzerland, 6 p.m. tip

12/27-29 - B and G MS Tourney, (TBD)

12/27 - B JV/V @ Covenant (INDY), 6 p.m. tip

12/28 - B JV/V @ Jeffersonville, 6 p.m. tip

12/28 - V Wrestling @ New Washington, (TBD)

12/3 - B JV/V @ New Washington, 6 p.m. tip

Congratulations to Nate Hussung and Skylar Stidam whose XC Team placed 6th @ Junior Nationals in Texas!!!

their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"

Mary, for the first time in her life, had just heard the gospel:

- 1) "Good news of great joy" – The Gospel translated means good news. Man, created in the image of God, for God's purpose, decided nearness to God wasn't sufficient and set out on his own purpose of being God. Hence disobedience, the fall, and the curse of sin. In creation, God not only displayed his love, but also wrote on our heart His Holy character. In God's law and decrees we find righteousness; a righteousness that we

cannot attain. Knowing all men have, are, and continue to sin, "falling short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23) the bible states we need a propitiation for our sin. Jesus is that propitiation; it is Jesus who absorbs the wrath of God, while imputing His righteousness to those who repent and believe. As it says in Corinthians, "He that knew no sin became sin so that we might inherit the righteousness of God." Good news indeed.

- 2) "for all people" – God is no longer to be claimed by Israel and the Jew, but He now can be for all people, you and I, Jew and Gentile alike. It reads in Ephesians, "Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the

promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ." Christ truly is for all people...good news indeed.

- 3) The Angel declared, "and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." – There is only one being, in the history of creation, who God found complete favor and peace in...that person is His son Jesus Christ. Do you know how to find peace this season, peace for the rest of your life? It's simple, be found "in Christ"... today, tomorrow, forever; find yourself lost in the love of Christ. He is the way, the truth, the life.

Merry Christmas,

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