



Part 4: When God Shouts

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The Bold Angelic Visit – Luke 2:8-20

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he

is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Jesus' story is dominant.

“Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of Western culture for almost twenty centuries. If it were possible, with some sort of magnet, to pull up out of history every scrap of metal bearing at least a trace of his name, how much would be left?” – *Jaroslav Pelikan*

What makes Jesus so influential? The Cross

God shouts from the Cross.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

1. “Father, forgive them...” (Luke 23:34)
2. “Today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:43)
3. “Woman, behold your son (and to John) behold your mother” (John 19:26-27)
4. “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” (Mark 15:34)
5. “I thirst.” (John 19:28)
6. “It is finished.” (John 19:30)
7. “Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit.” (Luke 23:46)



Grab invitations in the Commons!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT CTK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 • 2:30**, 4:00, 5:30 & 7:00* PM

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus at one of our Christmas Eve services. Come enjoy an hour of music, inspiration, a message from Pastor Grant Fishbook, and our traditional candle lighting at the end of the service. Don't miss this meaningful night of celebration focused on arrival of the infant Jesus, who broke 400 years of silence that first Christmas night.

*Childcare for Kindergarten and younger at the first three services only. **Sign language interpretation at 2:30 service only.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO THOSE CONSIDERING

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Over the next few weeks, some of the CTK family will be considering end-of-year financial gifts to the church. Please note that for 2012 tax-deduction consideration, contributions must be received on or before Monday, December 31. The church will be open on December 31 until 4:00 PM.



Mail-in giving must be postmarked by December 31. Gifts postmarked Tuesday, January 1 and later will be received in 2013. We will keep our 2012 books open until January 7 to process mail postmarked in 2012.

Another option is to give online at ctkbellingham.com before midnight December 31. With our new database system, online giving is easier than ever. You can give a one-time gift or set up scheduled giving, using a debit/credit card or direct from your checking account. You can also view your giving for the year and even print your 2012 contribution statement.

For more info, contact Jen Roorda (x245 or jenniferr@ctkbellingham.com).



WINTER QUARTER CLASSES FLYER NOW AVAILABLE

Classes begin in January! Pick up a copy today in the Commons or visit our website to download it and find out everything you need to know about classes—now through Easter. Also available on the CTK App (available in the App Store and Google Play).

CTK offices will be closed December 25–27 and Tuesday, January 1 (offices will be open Monday, December 31). Regular office hours resume, Wednesday, January 2.

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