

THE SECRET

It is the season for many joyful things. One of the biggest things is secrets. I recall growing up and discovering what my little sister was going to get for Christmas. Sometimes, I would taunt her with my knowledge. Other times, I felt compelled to whisper the secret to her. As a young child, I hated secrets. I hated being unable to tell others of the glorious knowledge I had attained. Keeping secrets can be difficult, especially this time of year.

Looking back through the beginning of the Gospel of Luke, I see this wonderful thing happening. I see people who are blessed to receive the knowledge of Jesus' arrival to dwell with man (Mt. 1:23, Jn. 1:14). What glorious knowledge! I am amazed and inspired that they didn't keep it a secret. Over and over again, we see those who know tell the secret!

Angels announce Jesus' birth to a group of shepherds.

Luke 2:10

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.

Shepherds, who were eyewitnesses, made it known to Mary and Joseph and all their neighbors.

Lk 2:16–18

¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

A prophetess named Anna, when she met Jesus with his family in the temple, went and talked with anyone who was anticipating the arrival of the Messiah.

Luke 2:38

And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Paul would later reveal that he was called by God specifically to tell the secret of Jesus!

Colossians 1:25–26

...to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints

Now, according to Paul, that mystery/secret has been shared with us. Should we hold it close to the vest? Scripture suggests we should tell the good news of Jesus (The Gospel) to anyone who will listen. As the world momentarily opens the door to talk about divine things, may we go and make the secret known!

Eyes up,
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