

SHINE JESUS

Once upon a time, in a field far, far away, the glory of the Lord shone upon some shepherds. The light communicated a message to a people who perceived that they had been forgotten. The divine message cleared things up.

Luke 2

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.

This aligns nicely with something David himself once said:

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

When Jesus begins his ministry, Matthew reveals:

Matthew 4:16-17

the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

So, when Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life (John 8:12)," we can be sure of one thing. The light has shone, the light still shines, and those who are beneficiaries of this salvation are to be representative lights in the world (Matthew 5:14-16). This is not to bring glory to self but to orient others to The Light.

Philippians 2:15

that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

As the world wraps everything in little lights (twinkling or not) may we never forget that the true light is Jesus. Let us shine for him, our King.

Shalom,
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