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## Majestic Sight

It's pretty crazy that it's already December. Seems like it was just a couple of weeks ago that we were watching all the flowers sprout up and start to populate our yards. Then pretty soon we were in the 100-degree weather of summer and wondering if fall would ever come. Fall came in all its royal majesty. All you had to do was drive down highway 30 to catch the vision of the radiant fall colors that we were blessed with. And now, holiday shopping has started.

When I walked up to church a few weeks ago to attend the Thursday morning Bible breakfast I had to stop and just stare at the sunrise that was coming up in the East. The awesomeness of the colors was a vision that I never grow tired of.

I had to stop on my walk to see if I could capture a photo of what I was seeing. Unfortunately, the street lights were too bright where I was at and the colors did not come well.

A majestic sight if I say so! The sky was a brilliant orange and red color with glorious Mt. Hood standing in the background. There were hardly any clouds and the sky just continued to glow. With each step I took the colors just seemed to explode. They seemed to be declaring the grandeur of life. It has been weeks since I saw this painted sky and yet in my mind, I can still recall each detail. I was overwhelmed with thankfulness to God and His mercy that is poured out on me each day.

### **Luke 2:8-14 and 20:**

***"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over 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 that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."***

***Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."***

***The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."***

Luke tells us that the shepherds got up and went to find the babe the angels told them about. They got up and left, not the next day, or a week later, they left then.

Can you imagine this sight? I guess I like to imagine this scene being as the brilliant as the sunrise I saw on Thursday morning. Unexplainable and awe inspiring. The glory of God at its fullest!

And when the shepherds returned, they did not keep things to themselves. They returned, glorifying and praising God!

This Christmas season may you be filled with unstoppable joy and abundant blessings. And may you boldly spread the glorious good news to all around you. Embrace the majesty of it all!

Merry Christmas from the Christian Life Committee,

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*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6-7*



"Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,

Do you know what I know  
In your palace warm, mighty king,  
Do you know what I know  
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold  
Let us bring Him silver and gold  
Let us bring Him silver and gold."