

Christmas News

Good evening. This is the Roman Broadcasting Corporation ten o'clock news on Sunday 25th December with me Hezekiah Son Of Obed.

First the headlines...



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Emperor Augustus appoints Quirinius as Governor over Syria with orders to clamp down on troublemakers and subversives. Outgoing governor Sextus wished his successor well and then started running as they released the lions. We hope to have footage of this story on our eleven o'clock update.

Astrologers state that the mysterious new star that appeared in the sky some nine months ago appears to have stopped over the village of Bethlehem, not far from Jerusalem. Conflicting views on the significance of its appearance abound. RBC has exclusive interviews with leading Palace astrologers Mysticus Megus and Russelium Granticus in tonight's late bulletin.

King Herod is said to be 'deeply disturbed' by today's diplomatic visit by Kings from the East. A palace spokesman, who didn't wish to be named, told us that he seemed panicky and immediately called in all his top advisors and asked where the Christ was to be born. Eyewitnesses stated that when the Kings left Herod's Palace they followed the Star to Bethlehem and were seen asking at the local inns for news of any recent births.

In other news many local shepherds have been sacked for 'gross misconduct' and 'neglect of duties'. Employers allege that more than a dozen flocks were left alone and unwatched this evening. Simeon, the local Shepherds Union spokesman, refuted claims of heavy drinking and issued the following statement.

“Our members were out watching their flocks tonight, seated on the ground, when an angel of the Lord came down and something that could only be described as glory shone around. The angel said ‘Fear Not!’ for mighty dread had seized my member’s obviously troubled minds then the Angel said ‘Glad tiding of great news I bring to you and all mankind’. He then issued instructions on how to find the saviour, Christ the Lord, in Bethlehem. My members were debating whether to go or not when a multitude of Angels appeared and started singing. This decided the issue for them so they left immediately. The Shepherds Union would like to point out that not a single sheep has gone missing and that strike action across the empire is likely unless our members are re-instated forthwith.”

We sent an RBC reporter to the location given us by the shepherds and found a small stable behind a rather crowded inn. There was only a newborn baby wrapped in cloths lying in a manger, being looked after by his Mother and Father. Although the Mother and Father refused to give an interview they did tell us the babies name is Jesus. They appeared to have been given some expensive foreign gifts that, to our reporters experienced eye, looked like gold, incense and myrrh.

And finally in the business news the Denari is up two points against the Barbarian Groat. Innkeepers across the empire report record profits, markets in Rome, Jerusalem and Londinium reach all-time highs as investors clamour to climb aboard the dot-INN bandwagon. How long can this boom continue before the bubble bursts?

That was the 10 o’clock news. I’m Hezekiah Son Of Obed. Join us at eleven for a news update.

And now over to Michael the Fisherman for the Weather.

