

COVID Christmas, pt 1: Light in the Darkness Isaiah 8-9; Mt 4:16-17

What do you like most about Christmas?

Christmas is about light breaking into the darkness.

Matthew 4:16-17 with Isaiah 9:1-2

Prophecy of coming light fulfilled in Jesus

Back to the garden of Eden (Gen 3)

Darkness and gloom pulsate around us

see Isaiah 8: 9ff

What is going on in this text?

Identifying the light we need: (Isa 9:6-7)

...a child is born, a son is given...

“The world is a dark place, and we will never find our way or see reality unless Jesus is our Light.” (Tim Keller)

In the Bible, “darkness” refers to both evil & ignorance.

⇒ The world is filled with evil and untold suffering.

Colossians 1:13-14

Acts 26:18

Light, by contrast, speaks of the presence of God, of righteousness, truth and life (9-25)

1 John 1:5-6

John 1:4-5

In my lifetime, the feel of darkness is greater than ever, but we have great reason to celebrate.

Let's live as people of Light and life. (Eph 5:8)

Cling to the Light in the midst of your personal darkness.

Proclaim the Light boldly (1 Pe 2:9)

We can't separate the cradle from the cross and the resurrection. It's a package deal.

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