

Advent 2020 – Week #1

Never Before! Never Again!

# Light in the Darkness

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*Light!*

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Speaks of the presence of  
and work of God to  
illuminate... reveal...

**It's the first step in moving  
toward wholeness...**

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Genesis 1:3

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In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**John 1:1**

Through him all things were made; without  
him nothing was made that has been  
made. In him was life, and that life was the  
light of all mankind. The light shines in the  
darkness, and the darkness has not  
overcome it.

John 1:3-5

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*John 1:4-5*

*"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."*

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*Isaiah 42:7*

*"...to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."*

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**God is constantly meeting people in dark places and bringing them into light!**

*Ignorance                      Shame*  
*Despair                        Pain*  
*Brokenness                  Failure*  
*"Death" (sin)*

**God replaces darkness with light!**

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God called **Abram** in the dark, in Ur... and on a starry night and gave him an eternal purpose!

*Genesis 15 -*

*He took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars - if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."*

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Jesus met with **Nicodemus** in the dark and set him on a course toward life!

*John 3*

*Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night...*

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Jesus calls **Lazarus** forth from the darkness of death & the grave...

*John 11:43*

*Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"*

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Jesus met the **Samaritan woman** at the well in her "darkness" and brought her to "light!"

*John 4*

*"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."*

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The turning point of history... the betrayal of **Judas** occurred at night!

*John 13:30*

*"As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night."*

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**Peter** denies Jesus at night, by a fire...

*Luke 22:60*

*Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!"*

But is restored in the morning light!

*John 21:4 - Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.*

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Jesus met **Saul** on the road at mid-day, a man righteous in himself yet blind to truth

*Acts 9:3-4*

*As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"*

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Jesus met **Saul** on the road at mid-day, a man righteous in himself yet blind to truth

*Acts 9:5*

*"And he said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And he said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'"*

*"Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing..." (vs)*

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*John 9*

*As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"*


*"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him..."*



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*John 9*

...While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.



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*John 9*


*"Ever since the world began, it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind."*

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**BLINDNESS!**

**DARKNESS!**

**Light!**



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**BLINDNESS!**

**DARKNESS!**


*I am the light of the world!*

*John 9:5*

Also... 8:12

**Light!**

"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will never walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'"




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*Luke 4:16-21*

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

**Freedom! Sight! Deliverance! Fellowship!**




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*1 John 1:1-5*

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.... This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all."


**Understanding! Truth! Reality!**



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*2 Corinthians 4:6*

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ."



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### Hebrews 1:1-3

*"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe."*

*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word."*

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### Colossians 1:13

*"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."*

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### John 10:28

*"For I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; and they will never by anyone be snatched from my hand."*

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### John 1:9-11

*"The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him..."*

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### Isaiah 9:2

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; upon those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."*

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### Isaiah 9:6-7

*"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. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this."*


**This same Jesus!**

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Therefore -

Jesus... is He the  
Light in My Darkness?




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Therefore -

*John 1:12-14*

*"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*



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Therefore -

*Isaiah 60:1*

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."*



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Therefore -

*Ephesians 5:8*

*"For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."*



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*Revelation 21:3-6*

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will ever be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be nevermore be death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*



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