

# A Light Shines in Dark Times

*“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5)*

## Introduction:

### The Promise of Light

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.”*

Isaiah 9:2; applied to Jesus at his birth in Matthew 4:16

### The Person of Light

*“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*

Our Savior: *Matthew 1:21*

Our Shepherd: *Matthew 2:6*

Our Sovereign: *Matthew 2:6*

### The Praise for the Light

Wise Men: *Matthew 2:1-12* (notice especially verses 2 and 11)

Elizabeth: *Luke 1:41-45* (notice John the Baptist’s reaction)

Mary: *Luke 1:46-55* (notice especially verses 46-47)

Zechariah: *Luke 1:67-79* (notice especially verses 78-79)

Shepherds: *Luke 2:8-20* (notice especially verse 20)

Angels: *Luke 2:13-14*

Simeon: *Luke 2:25-35* (notice especially verse 32)

Anna: *Luke 2:36-38* (notice especially verses 37-38)

Us: *Matthew 28:17-20*

### The People of the Light

Jesus is Still the Light of the World, as he Dwells in His Followers! *Matthew 5:14-16 & Philippians 2:14-15*