

Light of the World

Darkness Overwhelmed

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Jesus, the Light of the World

1. Christmas is wonderful

- Christmas happenings can be complicated
- Christmas happenings may not feel good
- Christmas is wonderful because of what happened with Jesus

²¹ “She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That’s because he will save his people from their sins...” ²³ “The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel.” The name Immanuel means “God with us.” **Matthew 1:21, 23 NIRV**

He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!” **Luke 2:32 NLT**

2. Light overwhelming the darkness

- Darkness seems to be everywhere
- Light makes darkness disappear

⁴ Life was in him, and that life was the light for all people.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness. But the darkness has not overcome the light. **John 1:4-5 NIRV**

3. Jesus is light and brings life

- He shines in our dark world
- He overcomes and overwhelms darkness

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 NLT

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in front of his disciples. They are not written down in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. If you believe this, you will have life because you belong to him. **John 20:30-31 NIRV**

Next Steps:

- ☐ Read John 1 this week
- ☐ Commit to focus daily on Jesus during the Christmas season
- ☐ Commit to focus on the light Jesus brings instead of the darkness in the world
- ☐ Attend or listen to each week of this series
- ☐ Invite a friend to Christmas Eve service
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