

Light of the World

Spreading the Light

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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**

1. Jesus is our light to find God

- For all people
- Shining in a dark world

He is a light to reveal God to the nations... **Luke 2:32 NLT**

¹ At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire...

³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. **Luke 2:1, 3-7 NLT**

2. Shepherds see the light

- They go and see for themselves
- They tell everyone

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." ¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished. **Luke 2:8-18 NLT**

Next Steps:

- ☐ Take time this week to pray/meditate on the gift of Jesus as my savior
- ☐ Seek to know God more and follow Jesus more fully in my life
- ☐ Spread God's love and light with the people in my life: _____
- ☐ Read the Christmas story tomorrow (Luke 2:1-20)
- ☐ _____