

The Light Has Come: And It's Just the Beginning 1

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John 1:4–5; Isaiah 9:2; Luke 2:6–7; Isaiah 53:3; Genesis 1:2–3; John 3:19–21; Ephesians 5:13–14; John 8:12; Luke 2:10–12; Luke 2:15

DISCOVER (Message Notes)

INTRODUCTION

- The First Christmas Wasn't _____ or Comfortable
- The Light of the World Didn't Come Because It was Ready... It Came Because It _____
- The Light Has Come: And It's Just the _____

1. THE LIGHT MEETS US IN THE _____

- The Darkness Wasn't _____ It Was Real
- The Light Didn't _____ the Darkness
- God Begins Where We'd Least _____
- Our Darkness Doesn't Have to Be the End of Our _____

2. THE LIGHT CHANGES EVERYTHING IT _____

- Light Reveals What the Darkness _____
- Light Redefines What's _____
- Light Always Calls for a _____

3. THE LIGHT _____ CAME TO US

- Christmas Begins with God Taking the First _____

— The Light Was Announced Before It Was _____

— Christmas is About Receiving Before _____

TRIMMING THE TREE

- This Is a Moment of Opportunity
- This Is a Moment for Honesty
- This Is a Moment That Requires a Response

RESPOND (How is the Lord Challenging Me?)

- _____ I need to stop keeping God at a distance and allow His Light to come close.
- _____ I'm ready to be honest with God about what I've been carrying in this season instead of pretending I'm fine.
- _____ The Holy Spirit is prompting me to invite someone to Christmas Eve because they need hope, healing, or a fresh start.
- _____ I want to receive the Light of Jesus for the first time and begin a relationship with Him.

GROW (Going Deeper for Personal Study)

- **Reflect:** Where in my life have I been keeping God at a distance instead of letting Him come close? What has this season revealed that I've been carrying but not yet brought into the light?
- **Read:** [John 1:4–12](#). As you read, notice what the Light does and how people respond to it.
- **Take a Step:** Choose one specific area of your life to bring into the light this week and talk to God honestly about it. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you one person to invite to Christmas Eve and take that step in faith.