

Christmas

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I. Introduction.

A. God broadcast his news to widely different men: shepherds and wise men. (Luke 2:8ff; Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10)

B. God gave both light to guide them though.

C. This showed that Jesus would be the light of the world.

II. Jesus came as light to dispel the darkness of sin. (John 8:12; 3:18-21)

A. God uses us as light bearers. (Matthew 5:14-15; Ephesians 5:8; Philippians 2:15)

III. Jesus came as the light to dispel the darkness of loneliness and isolation. (1 John 1:7; Hebrews 13:5)

IV. Jesus came to dispel the darkness of detours. (Psalm 119:105)

V. Jesus came to dispel the darkness of circumstances. (Micah 7:8-9; John 14:18; Psalm 18; Isaiah 50:10-11)

VI. Principles.

A. No Christian should judge by appearances.

B. It is impossible for us to judge the end of a thing by the beginning. Do not be disheartened by your own small efforts.

C. The lesson of the incarnation is that we should humble ourselves and serve others.

Application questions:

1. Why is light such a powerful biblical metaphor?

2. What are some ways you need Jesus to be light in your life right now?

3. What are some different ways you might share the light of Jesus? Explain.
