



# ***Christmas Advent***

## ***Sermon 2***

***"Lights of Christmas or  
the Light of Jesus?"***

**Sermon Study Guide Questions**  
**December 15th, 2019**



- **What names are given to the Messiah from these verses?**

- **Isaiah 9:7**

## **The Arrival/Advent**

**In the Gospel written by Matthew, we see references to the fulfillment of these very words prophesied by Isaiah.**

- Jesus had already been born and was 30 years old.
- Jesus had just been baptized and God had spoken from heaven declaring that Jesus was His beloved Son.
- Jesus went into the wilderness and was tempted by the devil over a 40-day period.

**Write down the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies found in the gospels?**

- **Matthew 4:12-16**

- **Matthew 4:17**

- **John 1:1-5**

## The Result

- **John 1:6-8**

We, like John the Baptist, are not the source of God's light; we merely reflect that light. Jesus Christ is the true Light; he helps us see our way to God and shows us how to walk in that way. But Christ has chosen to reflect his light through his followers to an unbelieving world, perhaps because unbelievers are not able to bear the full blazing glory of his light, firsthand. The word witness indicates our role as reflectors of Christ's light. We are never to present ourselves as the light to others, but are always to point them to Christ, the Light.

- Why is the Christmas Season a time when people are down and prone to being depressed?

- We know from the prophecies and fulfillments that Jesus is the Light of the world. We are to continue to reflect His Light so that others will see the Hope of Christ Jesus. How are you as a believer reflecting His Light? How can you know if you are reflecting Jesus?

The “**Lights of Christmas**” are intended to reflect and point to “**the Light of Jesus.**”

- Faith in Jesus Christ brings His light to our lives and results in the forgiveness of our sins – resulting in eternal life.
- The Light of Jesus exposes the cause of most, if not all, our problems in this life – SIN
- But in that day (the time of the first Advent), and in the centuries that have come since, **many have rejected the light of Jesus Christ.**

### **John 1:9-13**

- Though many would not receive the light, all who did receive the light became children of God. Why would people reject Jesus?



## Closing

- It is Jesus who came as the light and who lives within His people by His Holy Spirit. How can I respond to the offer to have Jesus as the **light of my life**?

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