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Sunday, December 23, 2018

“THE LIGHT IN DARK PLACES”

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On this Sunday before Christmas, we celebrate Jesus the Savior who is the light of life. His story is bigger than a manger scene.

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1. The Light: God _____

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3. The Light: Jesus _____

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“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you” (Isaiah 60:1, ESV).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:1-5, ESV).

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1. The Light: God Came to Earth

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...” (John 1:1, ESV).

“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58, ESV).

“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9, ESV).

2. The Light: God Became Man

“He gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form” (Philippians 2:7, NLT).

“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin” (Hebrews 4:15, NLT).

“Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52, ESV).

“One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15, ESV).

“My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death” (Matthew 26:38, NLT).

3. The Light: Jesus Came to Die

“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8, ESV).

“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8, ESV).

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13 ESV).

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23, ESV).

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24, ESV).

“There has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11, ESV).

4. The Light: Jesus Is Lord

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11, ESV).

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