

# The Light of the World

## Encounters with the Christmas Story,

### part 1

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The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned... Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.  
*Isaiah 9:2, 5-7*  
(NIV)

#### 1. Christmas brings light to a dark world

'The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.'  
*Matthew 4:16 (NIV)*

The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.

*John 1:9-10 (NLT)*

'For in him we live and move and have our being.'  
As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'  
*Acts 17:28 (NIV)*

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.  
*1 John 1:5-6 (NIV)*

#### 2. Christmas demands we respond to the light

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

*Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)*