

Christmas Eve 2018

Isaiah 9:2

²The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.

John 1:1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Micah 5:2 tells us He came from an insignificant small town; Zech 9:9 tells us He came humbly, even riding in on a donkey; Isaiah 53:2 says He had no stately form or majesty

Luke 7:31-32

³¹ "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like? ³² They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another, and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'

John 1:9-13

⁹ There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

2 Corinthians 4:6

⁶ For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The light has come into the world, and the world will never be the same because of it.

The path to a beautiful redemption is laid as we RECEIVE the gift God has given.

"Father in Heaven, Thank you for the light you have given us in Jesus. We have seen you in the face of Christ, and we also see that He is the only hope of the world. We want to release control of our lives to You now, and to be light-bearers for you through your Son, whose sacrifice has cleansed us and is our only hope. Jesus is the only light our souls will follow. In His name we go out from here, Amen."