

Message Series: **The Questions Christmas Answers**

Message Title: **Is Your 'Night Light' Reliable?**

Scripture Source: **Luke 1:76-79; John 8:12**

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In The Dark...and the value of a 'night light'

Can you remember a time when you felt immersed in darkness, almost swallowed up by it? Darkness generates anxiety, fear, confusion and uncertainty...you aren't sure of what your next step should be, or what danger lurks in the shadows. You look for a light to show you the way forward... to make wise choices morally, relationally, spiritually, vocationally. Who looks to you for guidance?

The Question Christmas Answers

Can I experience the light of hope, purpose and love in my life? In a world engulfed by darkness...a metaphor for confusion, fear and lost ways, is there a light of truth available to dispel the darkness and show us...you...the way forward? Can we find enlightening answers to the longing of your heart and mine...'what really matters, who really matters?'

A Light Has Dawned: Luke 1:76-79

The coming of Jesus is clearly and vividly stated as a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

Ponder the depth and intentionality of God's love for people like you and me: *"because of the tender mercy of our God by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."*

The birth of Jesus, the promised Messiah, ushered in a new reality, the prospect of experiencing the 'light of life'...discovering what and who really matters, along with the promise of God's presence and power to help us cooperate with God in experiencing a life marked with purpose, hope and love.

The Shape of Light Revealed: John 1:4-5, 9; John 8:12

Jesus grew up and self-identified as the source of life and light for each of us.

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

'Do you want to experience hope, purpose and love in your journey? Do you want to know the temptations to avoid and the distractions to be mindful of? It is not enough to admire, respect or be a fan of me; following me is required.' And that is your call, your choice, today.

Your Call

The question Christmas asks of you...what will you do with Jesus? Will you investigate his story as revealed in Scripture? Will you study his teachings, Sermon on the Mount? Will you ask questions about life, faith and Jesus of people you trust? Will you consider your need for a Saviour, One who can forgive your sins and reconnect you with God?

If you are a Christian, how goes the following of Jesus currently? Any adjustments needed? Jesus longs to show you the way forward, in all aspects of your life. Will you follow him in the nitty gritty of life? He awaits your answer and mine. Let's choose our 'night light' wisely! There's a lot at stake.