

# Jesus is Hope

## A Christmas Sermon Series

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**Message Title:** Jesus is Hope in a Dark World

**Message Text:** 1 Timothy 1:1; Isaiah 9:1-7

### Introduction:

Biblical hope is a confident expectation in the goodness, control and Word of God. We can only have confident expectation in someone or something that does not change. James 1:17 says, “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*” Hebrews 13:8 reminds us of the dependability of Christ, “*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*” Paul understood this and declared that Jesus was not just a giver of hope, but Jesus Himself was hope. “*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;*” (1 Timothy 1:1) No matter what we face in life personally, as a family, as a church family or as a nation, Jesus is hope. Today we will see how that Jesus is hope in a world filled with darkness.

## 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ World (Isaiah 9:2)

*Isaiah 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.*

NOTE: Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would bring light into a darkened world.

WHAT WAS THE WORLD LIKE BEFORE CHRIST WAS BORN?

(FROM DAVID SCHROCK)

There was 400 years of silence (*No Revelation from God*).  
\_\_\_\_\_ darkness.

There was the oppressive rule of Rome — \_\_\_\_\_ darkness.

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There was division in the nation of Israel —*Darkness permeated*

\_\_\_\_\_.

The birth of Christ came through a virgin—*Perceived* \_\_\_\_\_  
*and darkness surrounded it.*

The census and travel was forced by the government—*A*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *and dark journey.*

The giving of birth in a strange place away from her family—*A dark time*  
*for* \_\_\_\_\_.

The murder of children under two years of age—*The darkness of*  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

*1 John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Light of the World** (Isaiah 9:6-7)

ISAIAH'S PROPHESED ANSWER TO THE DARKNESS WAS A CHILD—THE  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, To order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice From henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*

\_\_\_\_\_ DECLARED JESUS TO BE A LIGHT THAT WOULD ILLUMINATE  
BOTH GENTILE AND JEW.

*Luke 2:32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.*

\_\_\_\_\_ THE BAPTIST PREPARED THE WAY AND GAVE  
WITNESS OF THE LIGHT.

*John 1:7–9 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ HIMSELF TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

*John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

*1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

*Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ of the World

JESUS LEFT HIS \_\_\_\_\_ AS HIS LIGHT IN THE WORLD.

*Revelation 1:10–13 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*

*Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.*

JESUS SPECIFICALLY \_\_\_\_\_ BELIEVERS TO  
PEOPLE GROUPS TO BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THEM.

*Acts 26:14–18 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; 17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

JESUS CALLS \_\_\_\_\_ BELIEVER TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

*Matthew 5:14–15 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

*Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

*John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

## Conclusion

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