

God's Promises in Isaiah 9:1-7
Advent - Christmas 2022
Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners

During the Advent and Christmas services in 2022 the prophecy about Jesus in Isaiah 9:1-7 will be the focus.

Isaiah was a priest who worked in the Temple in Jerusalem. He wrote the narrative, prophecies and teachings in the book of Isaiah from about 740 to about 686 B.C. Isaiah's writing include many promises about the coming Messiah, God's Anointed Servant, who would be the Savior of the whole world.

Schedule

Wednesday, December 7	Isaiah 9:2-3
Wednesday, December 14	Isaiah 9:4-5
Sat., Christmas Eve, Dec 24, 1 pm	Isaiah 9:6
Sunday, New Year's Day, Jan. 1	Isaiah 9:7

Wednesday, December 7 — Light and the Increase of Salvation Promised — Isaiah 9:2-3

I. Spiritual Darkness Is Darker

People know they need light

"It was so dark, I could not see my _____ in front of my face."
We go to great extents to make sure we have light.
If a building or place is dark, we consider it dead. "It was so dark, it looked dead."

When the prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus in Matthew 4 as we read last Wednesday, the people in the tribal lands of Zebulun and Naphtali had no less physical darkness than the surrounding lands.

The prophecy is about spiritual darkness, which is worse than _____ darkness.

If a person has spiritual darkness, he or she might see physical light - but they have no true understand of the Power behind the light.

What/Who is responsible for the light? I can light a candle, but Who can help me?

II. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Jesus is the light of the _____. Not like the sun shines on the earth.

Following Jesus means to be in light not _____. The light of _____

Jesus ministry began in Zebulun and Naphtali. His light continues upon _____.

III. As God's Light falls upon many nations and people - His kingdom is increased.
(Jesus' ministry started not in Jerusalem, but in the outlying areas. God's light shines out.)

Joy and rejoicing increase as more and more people know God's Light -

then they know the _____ ... and can talk to Him.