

“LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS”
Matthew 2 & Other Scriptures

Contrasting LIGHT & DARK

1. There Is Hope & Joy Found in _____ the Light (vv. 1-2, 9-10; Jn 1, 8:12-20)

Consider the contrasts of the key people in Matthew 2. What stands out?

Wisemen –

Herod –

Jewish Leaders –

(see Num 24:17)

v. 10 – “exceedingly great joy” =

Who actually led the wisemen to Jesus?

The light pointed to the LIGHT!

THOUGHTS:

A.) If you are seeking...

B.) If you have found Jesus...

See Ps 9:10; 23:4a

2. Darkness _____ & _____ the Light (vv. 3, 7-8, 16-18)

Considering Herod...

Herod feared Jesus.

Think about how Herod is a reflection of present-day governments & fearing the LIGHT of the Gospel.

THOUGHTS:

A.) Spiritual warfare is _____. (see 2 Cor 4:4; 12; Eph 6; Acts 26:18)

B.) How do we dispel the darkness? With the _____. (Jn 12:44-46)

C.) How do people turn to the light? Through faithful _____. (see Rom 10:14)

Considering the U.S. government & Christianity...

3. **Creation _____ to the Light (vv. 2, 9, Ps 19:1-7)**

While the star led the wiseman to Jesus, creation has _____ pointed to God.
See Ps 19:1-4a; Rom 1:20

If creation is speaking this clearly, what should we be doing?

Luke 19 – Don't let creation be the only voice. SPEAK UP!

4. **The TRUE LIGHT Is Meant to Be _____ (Mt 5:14-16; Jn 8:12-20; Heb 1:3)**

Lessons & Questions while deer hunting...

Like the snow reflects the moon's light, we are called to _____ the light of _____.
See Heb 1:3; Jn 14:9; Eph 5:1; 1 cor 11:1; John's writings; Rom 8:29

What is the purpose of reflecting Christ?

- A. Proves our _____.
- B. Meant to be a means of further _____.
- C. Meant to have a _____ affect.

See Mt 5:14-16

What is your reflective property? Are you snow ❄️, snirt, or dirt?

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS:

- 1) **The light of the gospel still points to the Light of the World (Jesus).**
- 2) **Believers are called to reflect Christ's light in a dark world, pointing people to HIM.**
- 3) **The first advent (coming) of Christ has happened over 2,000 years ago. We look forward to his second advent saying: "Come, Lord Jesus come." (Rev 22:20)**