

Finding God's Light
Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7; Matthew 4:12-16
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I. Introduction

II. Advent series: Light

III. Isaiah's time (Is. 9:1-7)

- A. Starts in darkness (9:1, 733-32 BC)
- B. Coronation of a new king as the light (9:2)
- C. The new king brings
 - 1. Justice ("Wonderful Counselor," 9:6)
 - 2. Power ("Mighty God," 9:6)
 - 3. Protection and reassurance ("Everlasting Father," 9:6)
 - 4. Peace and well-being ("Prince of Peace," 9:6)
- D. Repeated disappointment
- E. Only God (9:7)

IV. Matthew's time (Matt. 4:12-16)

- A. The people continue in darkness (4:16, Rome)
- B. Matthew finds God's light
 - 1. Jesus relocates (4:13)
 - 2. Fulfills God's promises (4:15-16)

V. So what?

- A. We might still be in darkness
- B. Go to the promises of God
- C. Christmas is about finding God's light

VI. Conclusion: "The Sweetest Gift," Craig Aven (2016)