



## GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS "Seeing the Light" John 12:37-50

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The wise men saw the star and followed it to Bethlehem. You could say they "saw the light." There were many who also saw it but did not follow. Christ said, "I have come into the world as a light" and He explained how some respond and some don't—and why.

### I. Revelation—"I Have Come as a Light."

- A. Life and light. John 1:4-9
  - 1. In the beginning was the Word.
  - 2. In Him was life—inanimate, animate.
  - 3. That life was the light of men—
    - a. Intelligence.
    - b. Moral sensitivity.
    - c. Spirituality.
- B. Death and darkness.
  - 1. Life and light sustained by loving obedience. Genesis 2:16-17
  - 2. Death and darkness entered because of independent disobedience.
  - 3. Darkness—
    - a. Intelligence without faith.
    - b. Moral sensitivity without truth.
    - c. Spirituality without life.
- C. Light and darkness.
  - 1. Believe or disbelieve. 12:44
  - 2. Trust or distrust. 12:36
  - 3. Follow or wallow. 8:12

### II. Reaction—"Who Has Believed?"

- A. Those who saw but would not believe. 12:37
  - 1. Saw signs without accepting significance.
  - 2. Saw light but preferred darkness. 3:19-21
  - 3. Would not believe 'til they could not. 12:39-40
- B. Those who believed but would not confess. 12:42-43
  - 1. The perils of position, power and prestige.
  - 2. The prospect of judgment based on truth ignored. 12:47-48
- C. Those who believed and followed. See John 9

### III. Relevance—"You Are the Light of the World." Matthew 5:14

- A. Let your light shine.
- B. Don't hide it.
- C. Live for the Father's glory.