(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Christ the Light Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 60:1-3, 19-21; Luke 1:76-79; John 1:4-9; 8:12; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21: 22-27; 22:5, 16



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TOPICS: Advent; Christmas; Light

LEAD-IN: The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them. For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of armies will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, NASB)

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Christ the Light**

Darkness:

separation from Light ignorance uncertainty suffering fear lostness grief death

Light:

the presence of God truth knowing complete well-being joy belonging love life

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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, NIV)

The city [New Jerusalem] has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. (Revelation 21:23, NASB)

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