

**WHAT'S SO MERRY ABOUT CHRISTMAS?
THE LIGHT! Part 1 of 4
John 12:46
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"Jesus said, I have come as a Light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer wander in darkness." John 12:46 (LB)

JESUS LIGHT WILL...

1. ... Encourage Me When I'm Disappointed.

"I hoped for happiness and light, but trouble and darkness came instead." Job 30:26 (GN)

"The Lord is near to those who are discouraged; he sees those who have lost all hope." Psalm. 34:18 (GN)

"The plans I have for you, says the Lord, are plans to prosper you, not to harm you... to give you hope and a future." Jer 29:11

2. ... Strengthen Me When I'm Distressed.

"I have cried desperately for help, but still it does not come." Psalm 22:1 (GN)

"I have the strength for all things in Christ who empowers me - I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses inner strength into me." Philippians. 4:13 (Amp)

"Even though I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me." Psalm. 23:4 (GN)

3. ... Guide Me When I'm Doubtful

"The one who walks in the dark does not know where he is going." John 12:35

"Jesus said, I am the Light of the world. So if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path." John 8:12 (LB)

"Your words are a flashlight to light the path ahead of me and keep me from stumbling." Psalm 119:105 (LB)

4. ... Change Me When I'm Depressed.

"It is possible for light to turn the thing it shines upon into light also!" Ephesians. 5:13 (Ph)

"The light produces in people all that is good and right and true." Ephesians. 5:9 (Ph)

"... the darkness in our lives disappears and the new light of life in Christ shines in." 1 John 2:8 (LB)

Solution:

"You, Lord, are my light; you dispel my darkness!" 1 Sam. 22:29 (GN)