



## Part 2: A Light in the Darkness

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### Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

### Next Steps

Many people experience heaviness or darkness during the holiday season. That's why it's so important for those of us who know Jesus to spread his hope by including others in the Christmas traditions we enjoy. Ask God who he wants you to invite to the Christmas concert or Christmas Eve, and make those invitations in person. Also pray about how you might serve during these special events. Use the form in today's program to respond.