

Scripture

John 1:4-13 (RSV)

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Reflection

Jesus is the light.

Light gives direction, life, and above all, hope. Hope is fresh, new, life giving.

John the Baptist came to know this hope and became light to others. You can be a light to others too. Do you want to bring God's joy to the people around you? Do you want to break through the darkness and allow God to light the way?

Amen.



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Contemplate + Share

Pause a few minutes with God; pray, journal.

- Q.** Did something stand out to you? Why?
- Q.** What is God saying to you right now?
- Q.** What part of your identity did you uncover?
- Q.** Do you feel compelled to make an action?

Prayer

Jesus, you came to bring life so that we can have hope.

Illuminate my heart so I can be alive with you, so I can bring your hope to others too.

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

Lord have mercy

Jesus, you give hope to poor sinners:

Christ have mercy

Jesus, you are life and truth:

Lord have mercy