


“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.’” Luke 2:10

“...and (Jesus) began by saying to them, ‘Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’” Luke 4:21



ADVENT 2023:
SIGHT FOR THE BLIND

Luke 4:16-18



JOHN 9:1-12

The question of sin and suffering (v. 2)

The Lord's compassion in the face of human suffering
(Vs. 6)

Christ's power to heal (vs. 7)



JOHN 9:13-34

Cue the Pharisees

Sabbath Healing investigation begins (Vss. 13-15)

Division in the ranks (Vs. 16)

Getting nowhere with the boy (Vs. 17)

Getting nowhere with the parents (Vss. 18-23)

The Pharisees slander Christ (Vs. 24)

Evidence of a new disciple (Vss. 25-27)

Further evidence of the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees (Vss. 28-29)

The newly-sighted man's faith (Vss. 30-33)



JOHN 12:35-41

The spiritually blind man - now aware of his spiritual darkness - looks to the Light and receives his spiritual sight (Vss. 35-38)

Those who insist on calling their darkness 'light,' remain blind

As an old hymn suggests,

“Come to the Light! ‘Tis shining for thee.
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me.
Once I was blind, but now I can see!
The Light of the world is Jesus.”

The Savior will not force His light upon you,
but you are welcome to it.
Do you want to be healed?