

December 14

# Matthew

1-4 Affirming Jesus' Royalty vs Satan's Temptations

## 4 Invitation—Come, *Follow Me*

### *A History of Christmas*

5 True Righteousness in **Love**

6 Treasure & Lord's Prayer

7 Authority Acknowledged

8 Every Life Valued – Jesus Heals

9 Mercy Extended – Jesus Heals, Raises Dead

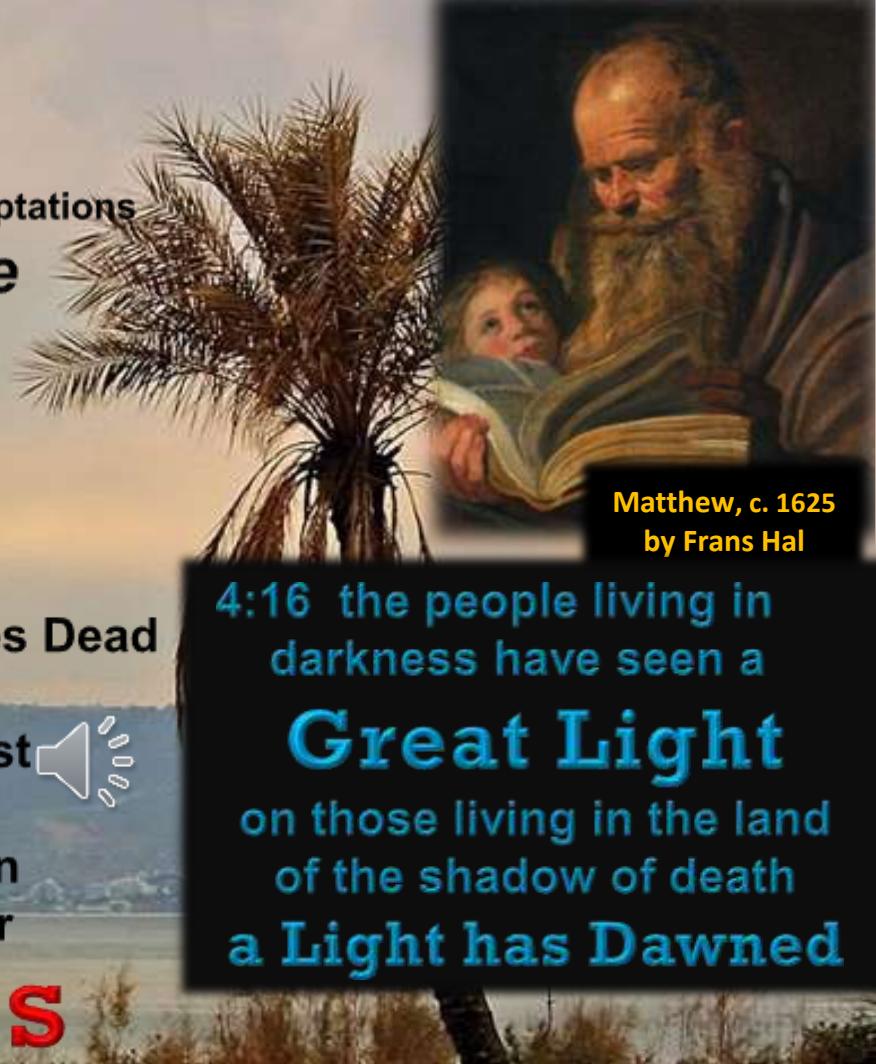
10 Loyalty Tested – Sends 12 Out

11 Confronting Doubts – John the Baptist

Father Revealed in the Son

12 Rejecting Legalism – Sabbath & Satan

13 Judgment Coming – Parable of Sower



Christ in the Storm on the  
Lake of Galilee, 1633  
Rembrandt (1606-1669)

Matthew, c. 1625  
by Frans Hal

4:16 the people living in  
darkness have seen a  
**Great Light**  
on those living in the land  
of the shadow of death  
**a Light has Dawned**

**Merry Christmas**

Doggy needs  
TREATs for  
Christmas



## The stories of our LIVES – our HISTORY – our ROOTS

- ✓ Where & WHEN did YOU begin your adulthood?
- ✓ Where & WHEN did YOU “Come of Age”?
- ✓ What were the defining moments that made you AWARE that you were *now* ADULT, no longer a child?

We cannot pinpoint that time for Jesus

We – you & I – can likely pinpoint a few times for ourselves

- ✓ Maybe it was your first job? First WHAT?
- ✓ First REAL STRUGGLE you had to solve by YOURSELF?

Jesus was an ADULT, Grown enough to FACE SATAN

**APPEARS** – Jesus BEGAN to Teach – BEGAN to Minister  
in Matthew 4:12, in Galilee, choosing disciples, healing sick





From Darkness to Great LIGHT – essence of Matt 4:12-25  
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# Outlined of the **SHORT** report on Jesus' Life in the Gospel of Matthew

- 1-2 Birth and Infancy of Jesus
- 3-4 Beginning of Jesus's Ministry in Galilee
  - 4:12-17 Jesus Begins to Preach in Galilee
  - 4:18-22 Jesus Calls His First Disciples
  - 4:23-25 Jesus Heals the Sick from All Over
- 5-7 **Discourse 1—Sermon on the Mount**
- 8-9 Jesus's First Miracles
- 10 **Discourse 2—Ministry of Jesus's Disciples**
- 11-12 Responses to Jesus's Ministry
- 13 **Discourse 3—Parables about the Kingdom**

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- 14-17 Close of Jesus' Ministry in Galilee
- 18 **Discourse 4—Character of Jesus' Disciples**
- 19-20 Jesus' Ministry on Way to Jerusalem
- 21-23 Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem
- 24-25 **Discourse 5—Last Days: No One Knows the HOUR**
- 26-27 Betrayal, Crucifixion, Burial
- 28 Resurrection & Commission



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**Where is the Rest of the Story?**

**Didn't Jesus & John the Baptist grow up together, as kiddos?**

**Of all things, I suspect Jesus grieved over his second cousin ?**



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**After 40 days in wilderness, after Satan, returns to Nazareth**

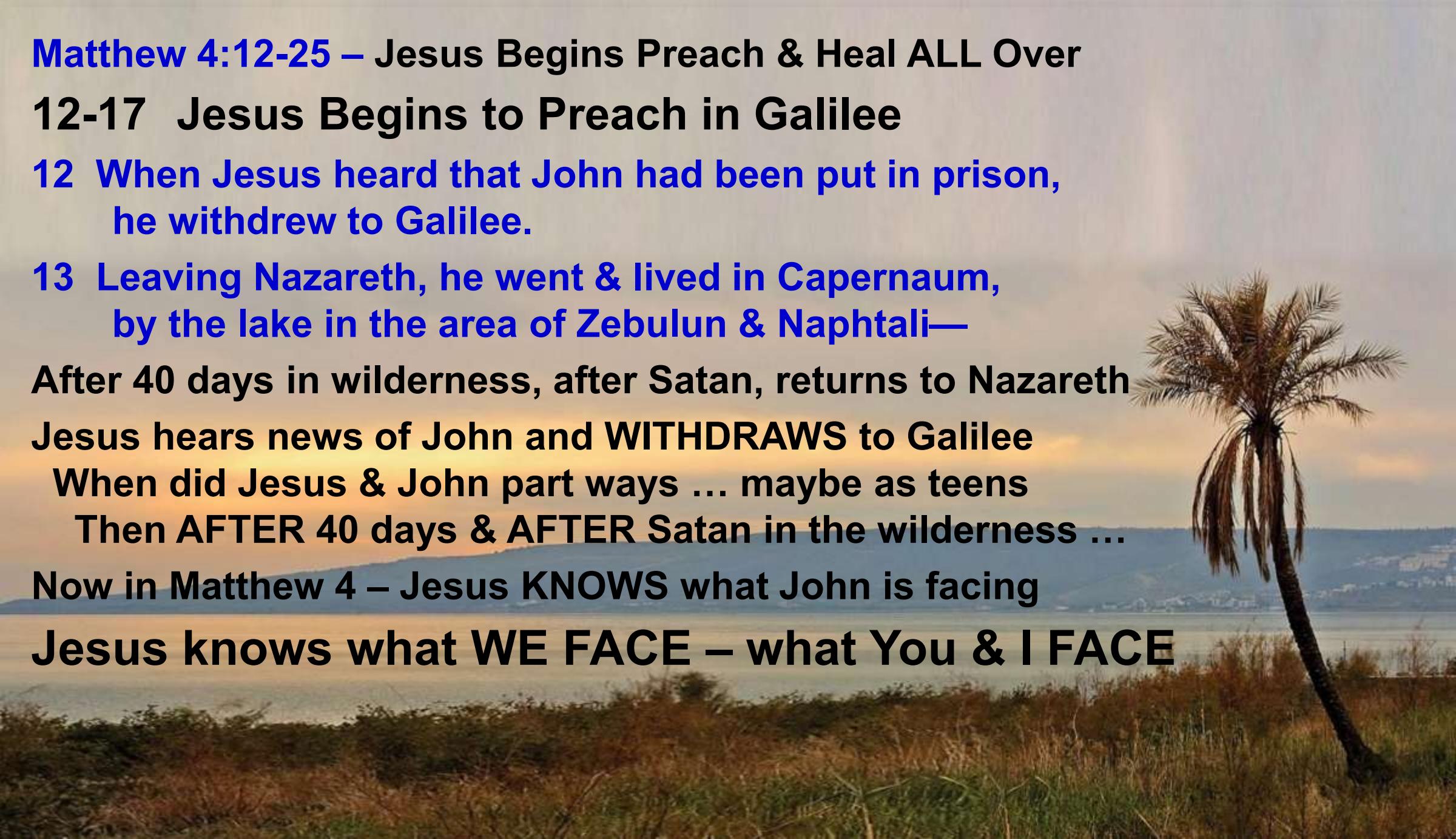
**Jesus hears news of John and WITHDRAWS to Galilee**

**When did Jesus & John part ways ... maybe as teens**

**Then AFTER 40 days & AFTER Satan in the wilderness ...**

**Now in Matthew 4 – Jesus KNOWS what John is facing**

**Jesus knows what WE FACE – what You & I FACE**





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14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15-16 “Land of Zebulun & land of Naphtali, Way of the Sea,  
beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people living in darkness have seen a Great Light  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death

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17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “REPENT,  
“for the Kingdom of Heaven has come NEAR.”

What does that “Near” mean?

Wherever Jesus is, the Kingdom of Heaven is NEAR

Whoever is WITH Jesus is NEAR the Kingdom of Heaven



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Greek “Mega” + “Phos”  
= Great Light

“Great Light” is from literal Greek words “Light have seen Great”

“Phos have seen Mega” or in English “Mega” + “Phos” = Great Light

Mega = VERY BIG & Phos = LIGHT that we SEE as well as  
LIGHT of Knowledge & Wisdom

- ✓ Phosphorus – essential ingredient to ALL OF LIFE  
daily recommended at 580 mgs
- ✓ Major role in the structure of DNA & RNA
- ✓ Phosphorus discovered in 1669 by Alchemist Hennig Brand  
while trying to create the fabled **Philosopher’s Stone**  
Capable of turning base metals such as lead & mercury into gold & silver



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“Great Light” is from Greek literally “Light have seen Great

“Phos have seen Mega” – in English “Mega” + “Phos” = Great Light

- ✓ Phosphorus – was Greek god of the planet Venus with Venus appearing as the Morning Star.
- ✓ Another Greek name for Morning Star is "Eosphorus" which means “Dawn-Bringer”
- ✓ *Phosphorus* is applied in the sense of “Light-Bringing”

**Jesus is the MEGA-PHOS – Great Light**





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best part of our discourse comes under the third part.

THE TRUE LIGHT FOR A SOUL IN DARKNESS IS

**ALL IN CHRIST**

Hear ye the text. "The people which sat in darkness

**saw Great Light**



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**Now Christ is not only light, but GREAT LIGHT**

He reveals great things, he manifests GREAT comforts,  
saves us from GREAT sin and GREAT wrath, and  
prepares us for GREAT GLORY.

He is, however, a Savior that must be seen.

"The people that sat in DARKNESS saw GREAT LIGHT."

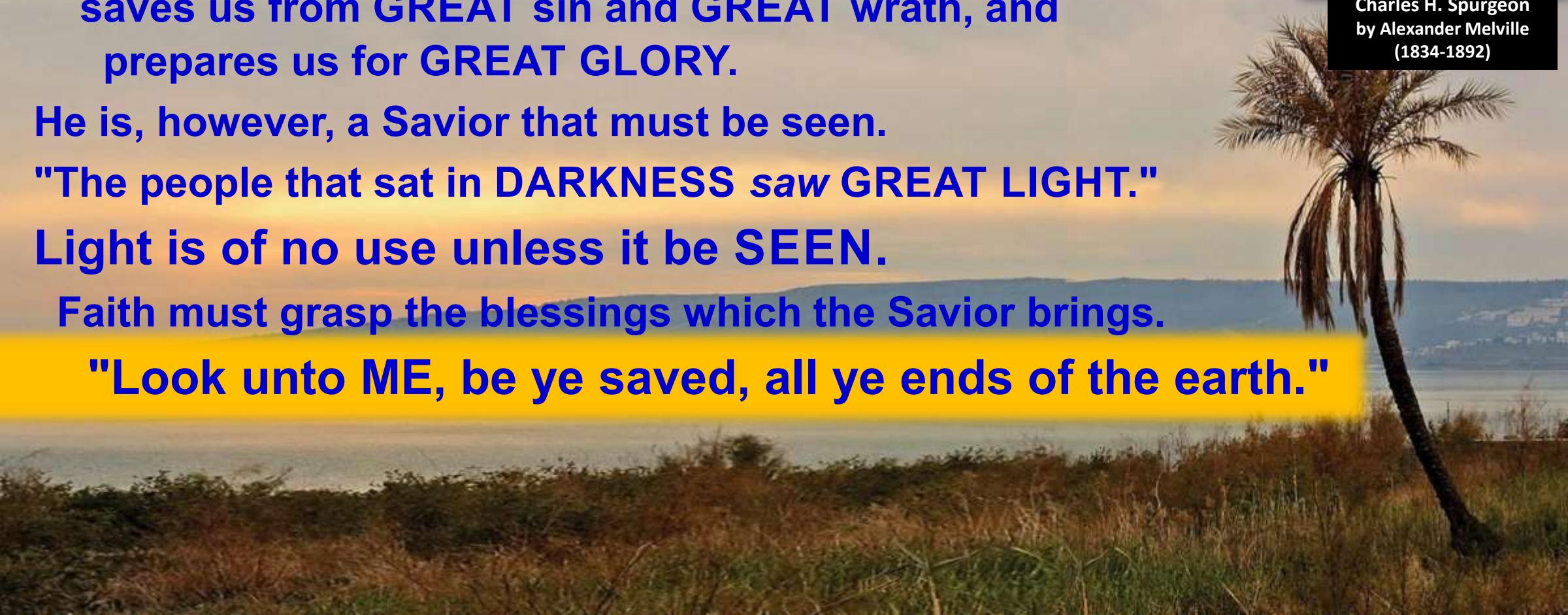
**Light is of no use unless it be SEEN.**

Faith must grasp the blessings which the Savior brings.

**"Look unto ME, be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth."**



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**We must SEE the Savior with a glance of faith,  
then have we LIGHT.**

Let us consider how clearly Christ Jesus himself  
is the **LIGHT** of every believing eye,  
and delivers the most troubled soul from its misery.

In Him is **LIGHT**, and the **LIGHT** is the **LIGHT** of men.

**Jesus personally` is the day-dawn &  
the morning without clouds**



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**18-22 Jesus Calls His First Disciples**

**18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee,  
he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter  
and his brother Andrew.**

**They were casting a net into the lake,  
for they were fishermen.**

**19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said,  
“and I will send you out to fish for people.”**

**KJV “I will make you fishers of men.”**

**They knew Fishing for FISH – yet to know Fishing for MEN**





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WHAT a huge book could be written on the charisma,  
attractive charm, dynamism of leadership  
book on the compelling nature of Christ’s eyes & voice



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21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers,  
James son of Zebedee & his brother John.

They were in a boat with their father Zebedee,  
preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

22 and immediately they left the boat  
and left their father and followed Him.

We assume a length of TIME between calling & departure



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**23 Jesus went throughout Galilee,  
teaching in their synagogues,  
proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom,  
healing every disease & sickness among the people.**

We truly cannot comprehend the scope of this HEALING

Not today or anytime for the last 2,000 years – though we TRY

We WANT that – can fantasize about that – but at no time EVER

**EVER been such a HEALER of Body & Soul**



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24 News about him spread all over Syria,  
and people BROUGHT to Him all who were

- ✓ ill with various diseases,
- ✓ those suffering severe pain,
- ✓ the demon-possessed, those having seizures,
- ✓ and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

Wow—Jesus Healed ALL of them

Suffeing SEVERE PAIN – *oh my!*

People BROUGHT the weak,  
sick, lame, diseased, demon-  
possessed, paralyzed to Jesus

Who have you ...brought to Jesus?  
I think you too WOULD!



In a day when there  
were NO REAL Doctors  
No MRIs or even  
clean operating rooms

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Wow—Jesus Healed ALL who came to Him

WHO came to Jesus? EVERYONE!

25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis,  
Jerusalem, Judea and the  
region across the Jordan FOLLOWED Him.

**Followed Him—Jesus**

Why? – cause they saw the Great Light





**GREATEST LIGHT  
is in YOU in Christ**

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