

**Jesus - the sunrise
from on high**





Zechariah's prophecy:

**1. His son John the forerunner
would prepare the way for the
Messiah.**

**2. The Messiah, the Saviour,
would come as the Light of the
world**

**John the Baptist was “a
burning and shining lamp” in
Jesus’ words**

John 5:35

**Jesus himself was a light - in
fact *the* light.**

**But for you who fear my name, the Sun
of Righteousness will rise with healing
in his wings. And you will go free,
leaping with joy like calves let out to
pasture.**

Malachi 4:2

**In him was life and the life was
the light of men and women.**

John 1:4

**The Light has come into the
world and people loved the
darkness rather than the light
because their deeds were evil.**

John 3:19

The good news is that God puts us back into a relationship with him.

We are “ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven”, in the words of the old hymn.

Light and darkness, sin and forgiveness
This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**

1 John 1:5-7

The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Romans 13:12