

Light That Darkness Can't Grasp

John 1:1-5

Expect opposition, anticipate victory!

1. Observations
 - a. About the light
 - b. About the darkness
2. Out workings
 - a. The birth of Jesus
 - b. The death of Jesus
 - c. The persecution of his followers

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. Are you affected by the amount of sunlight we get at different times of the year?
2. Look at the following verses, in which John uses the theme of light. What can you summarize about what John is saying about darkness and light? John 1:4-9, 3:19-21, 5:35, 8:12, 9:5, 11:10, 12:35-36, 12:46, 1 John 1:5, 1:7, 2:8-10
3. What's your sense of progress in the world – is the world getting brighter or darker? What does your answer imply for the role of believers?
4. Where in your life is the darkness most threatening? What are the opportunities in that area of your life for the light of Christ to shine through you?
5. We face a real enemy who wants to get us off our mission to display the greatness of God. What obstacles have you seen him use in the past? What obstacles might we expect? How can we be wise to his schemes (Ephesians 6:10)?
6. What is one concrete way in which you can shine the light of Christ in a dark place this week?