

ISAIAH 8:23—9:3

First the LORD degraded the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali;
but in the end he has glorified the seaward road,
the land west of the Jordan,
the District of the Gentiles.

Galilee where
Greek-speaking Pagans
lived with Jews.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is **darkness**:
for there is no **gloom** where but now there was **distress**.

The people who walked in **darkness**
have seen a **great light**;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a **light has shone**.

You have brought them abundant **joy**
and great **rejoicing**,
as they **rejoice** before you as at the harvest,
as people **make merry** when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

From Handel's Messiah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liLJC6p3siM>

First 5 lines at the beginning

[note the LOW dark notes]

Then the next 6 lines

[note the light, bright, high notes]

PSALM 27:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my **salvation**;
whom should **I fear**?

The LORD is my life's **refuge**;
of whom should **I be afraid**? The Lord is my light and my salvation

*I hope you can see
the poetry,
the parallelism,
even in English.*

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, The Lord is my light and my salvation

That I may **gaze** on the loveliness of the LORD
and **contemplate** his temple. The Lord is my light and my salvation

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. The Lord is my light and my salvation

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you,
but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters,
by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you.

I mean that each of you is saying,
"I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos,"
or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."
Is Christ divided?

Was Paul crucified for you?
Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?
For Christ did not send me to baptize
but to preach the gospel,
and not with the wisdom of human eloquence,
so that the cross of Christ
might not be emptied of its meaning.

I am always amused at those who point to their
Xtian neighbors who are NOT perfect.
and are scandalized that all Xtians are not
perfect.

Paul and Acts and James all comment on the
quarreling going on in the Early Church.

alleluia MT 4:23

Why? Because they and we are working our way
through life, w God's grace, trying to do our best.
We ARE imperfect.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.
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Gospel MT 4:12-23 OR 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested,
he withdrew to Galilee.
He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea,
in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,
that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet
might be fulfilled:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles,
the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light,
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.*

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say,
##"Repent, for the *kingdom of heaven is **at hand**."

*Did you note the words HERE and in Isaiah
(above) are not exactly identical?
That is because a definitive TEXT had not
been established; but everyone knew the
ESSENTIAL words of Isaiah.
More important! They learned it orally.*

##The Greek uses *metanoiete*
"Make the turn!"
But Jerome in Latin says:
"Do penance."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew,
casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.
He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
At once they left their nets and followed him.

He walked along from there and saw two other brothers,
James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets.
He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father
and followed him.
He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues,
*proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom,
and curing every disease and illness among the people.

**Gospel in Middle English=
GOOD NEWS about the Kingdom.
It **has arrived!**

*All signs of the Messiah

*I was in the Synagogue of Nazareth Village, an archaeological restoration of
Nazareth at the time of XT. Sat in the very same seats, just cold steps. Read from
a facsimile scroll as Jesus did. You can Google it.*