



# DIVYA JYOTI

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"I am the **LIGHT** of the **World**."

NEWSLETTER

## "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD"

*'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made*

*smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'* (Luke 3:4-6)

If we are to receive the powerful presence of God, we must prepare ourselves. John the Baptist was God's messenger, called as the forerunner of Jesus, to help people prepare to receive the Saviour of the world. John preached unwaveringly: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matt. 3:2) Those who heard John's message and prepared their lives recognized Jesus when He came, and they left all to follow Him. This was especially true of the disciples, whose hearts God himself prepared (Matt. 6:17) God's instruction for preparation is specific: repentance! This involves a complete change of mind, heart, will, and behaviour toward Him. He is *Lord*, and your life must be prepared to receive Him as your Lord. Anything less is inadequate. Some were obviously unprepared to follow

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## A HUMBLE CHRISTMAS PRAYER TO OUR LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER!

**O MOST HOLY, OMNIPOTENT, MNIPRESENT,** almighty God, our Heavenly Father, *give me the most beautiful, the greatest, the most precious gift, your only Son, that you have, JESUS!*

When I am sick, give me **JESUS**; for He is the Healer.

When I am weak, give me **JESUS**; for He is my Power.

When I am hungry, give me **JESUS**; for He is the Bread of Life.

When I am thirsty, give me **JESUS**; for He gives the Life-giving water.

When I go astray, give me **JESUS**; for He is the Good Shepherd.

When I feel sad, give me **JESUS**; for He is my Joy.

When I feel bound, give me **JESUS**; for He is the Freedom.

When I feel downcast, give me **JESUS**; for He is the Victory.

When I feel disappointed, give me **JESUS**; for He is my Hope.

When I need love, give me **JESUS**; for He gives me the Infinite Love.

When I need anything, give me **JESUS**; for He is the Provider.

When I am near to death, give me **JESUS**; for He is the Life and the Resurrection.

When my mouth is full of lies and abuse, give me **JESUS**;

for He is the Eternal Truth.

When I fall in sin, give me **JESUS**; for He is the Saviour.

When I am afraid, give me **JESUS**; for He is my Strength & Courage.

When I feel lonely, give me **JESUS**; for He is my True Friend.

When I feel darkness, give me **JESUS**; for He is the Real Light.

*Dear Father, to all my requests, for all my needs, answer with only one Word, which existed already before the World, and was with you from the very beginning, your Eternal Word: JESUS!*



## JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD & KING

### THE FULFILLER OF ALL PROPHECIES

For the Gospel writers, one of the main reasons for believing in Jesus was the way his life fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies about the promised Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew, written especially for the Jews to convince them that Jesus is the prophesied Messiah and the Eternal King promised by God through the prophets, relies heavily on the Old Testament passages concerning the Saviour starting from Jesus' birth to his teachings and to his crucifixion (Mt. 1:21-23; 2:14-15; 2:16-18; 2:23; 13:34-35; 21:3-5; 27:9; 27:35). One phrase runs through this Gospel like an ever-recurring theme – "This was to fulfill what had been spoken by

the Lord through the prophet." This phrase occurs in the Gospel about 16 times. It is thus Matthew's primary and deliberate purpose to show how every detail of Jesus' life was foretold by the prophets; and thus to compel the Jews to admit that Jesus was the Messiah. In the other Gospels too, we find many more prophecies being quoted by the evangelists, which are fulfilled in Jesus and thus convincing the readers that it was all under the Divine plan of God to redeem and sanctify His people through the precious Blood shed by His Son on the Cross for all mankind. The following list of prophecies (given in the table) find their fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth, the promised Messiah, in the New Testament –

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"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" (Luke 2:13)



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<b>Prophecies on the nativity and the early life of Jesus:</b>			
1.	"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."	Is. 7:14	Matthew 1:23
2.	'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'	Mic. 5:1-2	Matthew 2:6
3.	"Out of Egypt I have called my son."	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:15
4.	"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."	Jer. 31:15	Matthew 2:18
5.	"He will be called a Nazarene."	Jgs. 13: 5-7	Matthew 2:23
<b>Prophecies on the public ministry of Jesus:</b>			
6.	"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"	Is. 40:3-5	Matt. 3:3
7.	"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali... the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."	Is. 8:23-9:1	Matt. 4:14-16
8.	"He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."	Is. 53:4	Matt. 8:17
9.	"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."	Is. 61:1-2	Luke 4:18
10.	"This is really the prophet." (Messiah was to be a prophet like Moses.)	Deut. 18:15, 18-19	Matt. 21:10; John 7:40
11.	"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smouldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope."	Is. 42:1-4	Matt.12:18-21
12.	"Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"	Is. 53:1	John 12:38
13.	'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears... and I would heal them.'	Is. 6:9-10	Matt.13:14-15
14.	"I will speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."	Ps. 78:2	Matt. 13:35
15.	"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."	Zec 9:9; is. 62:11	Matt. 21:5
16.	'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'	Ps. 118:22-23; Is. 29:16	Matt. 21:42
17.	"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"	Is. 55:1	John 7:37-38
<b>Prophecies on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus:</b>			
18.	"The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me."	Ps. 41:9	Matt. 26:23
19.	"And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set,... and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."	Jer. 32:16-15; Zech. 11:12-13	Matt. 27:9-10; 26:14-16
20.	'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'	Zech. 13:7	Matt. 26:31
21.	'They hated me without a cause.'	Ps. 35:19; 69:4	John 15:25
22.	They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. (Messiah was to be tried and condemned)	Is. 53:8	Matt. 27:1
23.	But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge... (Messiah was to be silent before his accusers)	Is. 53:7	Matt. 26:63
24.	Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?" (Messiah was to be struck and spat on by his enemies)	Is. 50:5-6; 52:14	Matt. 26:67; 27:27-31
25.	They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. (Messiah was to be given vinegar)	Ps. 69:21; 22:15	Matt. 27:34; Jn. 19:28-30
26.	... because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Messiah was to suffer and die with criminals and pray for his enemies)	Is. 53:9, 12	Luke 22:37, 23:32-34; Matt. 27:38
27.	"They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."	Ps. 22:18	Matt. 27:35





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28.	"None of his bones shall be broken."	Ps. 34:20	John 19:36
29.	"They will look on the one whom they have pierced."	Zech. 12:10	John 19:37
30.	Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. (Messiah was to die as a sacrifice for sin)	Is. 53:5-6, 8, 10-12	John 1:29; 11:49-52
31.	They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. (Messiah was to be buried with the rich)	Is. 53:9	Matt.27:57-60
32.	For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. (Messiah will be raised from the dead)	Ps. 16:10	Matt. 28:1-10
33.	The Lord says to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool." (Messiah is now at God's right hand)	Ps. 110:1	Mark 16:19

# BIBLE QUIZ!

## XX. THE DIVINE SIDE OF JESUS

### Fear and Astonishment

Mark never forgot the divine side of Jesus. He begins his Gospel with the declaration of faith, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." He leaves us in no doubt what he believed Jesus to be. Again and again he speaks of the impact Jesus made on the mind and heart of those who heard him. The awe and astonishment which he evoked, (due to his authoritative teaching or his words and deeds, that is, performing miracles or healings) are always before Mark's mind. "They were astounded at his teaching." (Mk. 1:22) "They were all amazed." (1:27) Such phrases occur again and again. Not only was this astonishment in the minds of the crowds who listened to Jesus; it was still more in the minds of the inner circle of the disciples, "And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?" (4:41) Besides overcoming with astonishment, there are few instances where the disciples were afraid (feared) or terrified. "...and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid." (10:32) To Mark, Jesus was not simply a man among men; He was God among men, ever moving them to a wonderful amazement with his

words and deeds.

Now you have to classify the following 15 verses, after reading them in the Gospel of Mark, into the verse expressing a) astonishment/ amazement/ daze and/or b) fear/ fright/ apprehension and clarify whether the emotion expressed is in the minds of the crowd/ people (C) and/or the disciples (D). You have to answer like this - For (10:32) - a) in (D) and b) in (C) (because in this verse there is an expression of fear among the people and amazement among the disciples).

- i. 1:22; ii. 1:27; iii. 2:12; iv. 4:41;
- v. 5:15; vi. 5:42; vii. 6:2; viii. 6:51;
- ix. 7:37; x. 9:6; xi. 9:15; xii. 9:32;
- xiii.10:24; xiv.10:26; xv.11:18

### Answers to Last month's Quiz

## XIX. THE HUMAN PICTURE OF JESUS

1. Jesus sighed deeply in his Spirit- 7:34; 8:12
2. He was moved with righteous anger- 3:5; 8:33; 10:14
3. He felt the pangs of hunger-11:12
4. He was tired and wanted to rest- 6:31
5. He was moved with compassion- 6:34
6. He marvelled at people's unbelief- 6:6
7. He was filled with love for a rich man- 10:21

### Send Your Answers to:

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### Rules to be followed:

- ① Answers may be sent by post or e-mail latest by the end of the month. Answers received after that will not be considered.
- ② You should clearly specify your name and postal address. Mention the quiz number and title before the answers written in order.
- ③ Prizes will be awarded to the

winners of three consecutive quizzes.

④ Answers and winners of each quiz will be published in the subsequent issue of the newsletter.

**Thanks for taking the Quiz! Good Luck!**

## 365-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

For the month of  
**DECEMBER**

- 335.. Day 1 ..... 1 Cor. 10-13
- 336.. Day 2 ..... 1 Cor. 14-16
- 337.. Day 3 ..... 2 Cor. 1-4
- 338.. Day 4 ..... 2 Cor. 5-9
- 339.. Day 5 ..... 2 Cor. 10-13
- 340.. Day 6 ..... Galatians
- 341.. Day 7 ..... Ephesians
- 342.. Day 8 ..... Philippians
- 343.. Day 9 ..... Colossians
- 344.. Day 10 .... 1 Thessalonians
- 345.. Day 11 .... 2 Thessalonians
- 346.. Day 12 .... 1 Timothy
- 347.. Day 13 .... 2 Timothy
- 348.. Day 14 .... Titus
- 349.. Day 15 .... Philemon
- 350.. Day 16 .... Hebrews 1-4
- 351.. Day 17 .... Hebrews 5-8
- 352.. Day 18 .... Hebrews 9-13
- 353.. Day 19 .... James
- 354.. Day 20 .... 1 Peter
- 355.. Day 21 .... 2 Peter
- 356.. Day 22 .... 1 John
- 357.. Day 23 .... 2 John
- 358.. Day 24 .... 3 John
- 359.. Day 25 .... Jude
- 360.. Day 26 .... Revelation 1-3
- 361.. Day 27 .... Revelation 4-10
- 362.. Day 28 .... Revelation 11-13
- 363.. Day 29 .... Revelation 14-16
- 364.. Day 30 .... Revelation 17-19
- 365.. Day 31 .... Revelation 20-22

**"And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David." (Luke 1:31-32)**



**LIVING WITNESSES OF GOD IN JEEVAN DHAM**

**GOD GRANTS MY DAUGHTER NEW SIGHT!**



Praise be to Jesus! Thanks be to Jesus!

My daughter Pooja aged 4years lost her eyesight totally last month. At first her eyes started turning reddish and later gradually she lost her vision. I showed her to some ENT specialists in Faridabad but everywhere I got the same answer: "We do not have any treatment for her eyes and cannot help her get back her eyesight. She will not be able to see anymore in future". Then I took her to the Apollo Hospital where the ophthalmologist, after examining her eyes, suggested an operation. He told me that replacing her eyes with someone else's would be the only solution possible and it involved an expenditure over one-and-a-half lakh rupees. I had already spent by this time over Rs. 30,000 on her treatment and I was not in a position to meet such a huge expense with my meager income. However, the doctor fixed a date in the first week of November for her operation and notified me to deposit the amount by October last.

It was at this juncture that God came to my rescue through one of my friends who advised me to go to Jeevan Dham and attend the prayer service on Sunday. He brought me to this place and I listened to the Word of God and the testimonies given by those who received favours. I got the oil and water blessed from here and prayed to God to help my daughter who always kept her eyes closed. She was unable to eat or even get up from her bed and walk. I gave her the blessed water to

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Jesus and missed the opportunity (Luke 9:57-62). The religious leaders of Jesus' day were largely unprepared for His arrival. They knew the Messiah was coming. They even knew where He would be born (Matt. 2:4-6) Yet when word came that the Saviour had been born, they made no effort to join Him, preferring instead their religious ritual. For them, obeying the Law was the only way of salvation, thus underestimating God's mercy and love and His manifestation of the Kingdom through His only Son, Jesus.

If you are unprepared this CHRISTMAS, you, too, will miss the opportunity to experience Jesus. You may practice religion, but you will miss God. While others encounter the Lord personally in worship, your heart will remain unmoved. As others receive a fresh word from God, you will experience a painful silence. Religious activity can never substitute for a heart that is pure before Him. Purity comes only through repentance. Therefore, pray with a humble and contrite heart, as the Psalmist did, that God will examine your heart and reveal your need to repent of your sin. (Psalms 139:23-24) Your repentance can clear the way of the Lord to your heart, who will guide you through His SPIRIT, HEAL your body and soul, fill you with His PEACE, LOVE and JOY, and protect you from all harm.



**AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2006!**  
**To all readers of DIVYA-JYOTI!**  
**With prayers and love,**  
**from the EDITOR and all at**  
**JEEVAN DHAM. GOD BLESS YOU!**

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drink and applied few drops of oil on her eyelid. Miraculously, within a few minutes, she told me that she could see the objects even in the night. A layer of some sticky substance peeled off her eyes which cleared up the next morning and her eyesight, through God's grace, was restored to normal. It was certainly awe-inspiring. The almighty God gifted new eyes to my daughter and gave her a new life to witness His glorious creation and thank Him for His mercy and love.

Dinesh Kumar, Pooja, Faridabad

**"Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness."**  
 (Luke 11:34)

**"Rejoice everyone, for today a Saviour is born to us, who is the Messiah, the Lord!" Alleluia!**

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On Fridays: morning 10:30 a.m.  
 On Sundays: evening 6:30 p.m.

**Are you ... worried & burdened?**  
**Are you ... depressed?**  
**Are you ... sick or weak?**  
**Do you ... feel the absence of peace & love in your life?**  
**Are you ... grappling with a lot of problems in your life?**

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**WELCOME TO JEEVAN DHAM!**

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