

What Difference Does Christmas Make?

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KEY VERSE

I have come as a Light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer wander in the darkness.
-John 12:46 (TLB)

FOUR COMMON DARK DAYS WE ALL FACE:

1. I will face dark days of _____.

I hoped for happiness and light, but trouble and darkness came instead.
-Job 30:26 (TEV)

2. I will face dark days of _____.

The thought of my pain, my homelessness, is bitter poison. 20 I think of it constantly, and my spirit is depressed.
-Lamentations 3:19-20 (TEV)

Lover, friend, acquaintance—all are gone. There is only darkness everywhere.
-Psalms 88:18 (TLB)

3. I will face dark days of _____.

The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going.
-John 12:35c (NIV)

4. I will face dark days of _____.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? I have cried desperately for help, but still it does not come.
-Psalms 22:1 (TEV)

HOW JESUS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MY DARK TIMES:

1. Jesus will _____ me when I am _____.

I am the Lord, the one who encourages you.
-Isaiah 51:12 (CEV)

The Lord is near to those who are discouraged; he saves those who have lost all hope.
-Psalms 34:18 (TEV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
-Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

2. Jesus will _____ me when I'm _____.

It is possible for light to turn the thing it shines upon into light also.
-Ephesians 5:13 (PH)

...the darkness in our lives disappears and the new light of life in Christ shines in.
-1 John 2:8b (TLB)

3. Jesus will _____ me when I am _____.

Your words are a flashlight to light the path ahead of me and keep me from stumbling.
-Psalms 119:105 (TLB)

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. So if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path."
-John 8:12 (TLB)

4. Jesus will _____ me when I am _____.

"See, O LORD, how distressed I am!
-Lamentations 1:20a (NIV)

Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me.
-Psalms 23:4 (TEV)

ANSWER KEY:

depressed; discouraged; disappointed; change /
depressed; guide/doubtful; strengthened/distressed
disappointment; depression; doubt; distress; encourage; disappointed; change