

Scripture Readings

*The first scripture reading is from **Isaiah 9**, verses **1-4**, which can be found on page **819** in the **old testament** of your pew bible....*

(^{1a}for there is no escape for an oppressed people.)

^{1b}For, while the first invader has dealt lightly with the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the second has dealt heavily with Galilee of the Nations on the road beyond Jordan to the sea. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: light has dawned upon them, dwellers in a land as dark as death. ³Thou hast increased their joy and given them great gladness; they rejoice in thy presence as men rejoice at harvest, or as they are glad when they share out the spoil; ⁴for thou hast shattered the yoke that burdened them, the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders, the driver's goad, as on the day of Midian's defeat.

*The second scripture reading is taken from **Matthew 4**, verses **12-23**, which can be found on page **6** in the **new testament** of your pew bible.*

¹²When he heard that John had been arrested, Jesus withdrew to Galilee; ¹³and leaving Nazareth he went and settled at Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, in the district of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴This was in fulfilment of the passage in the prophet Isaiah which tells of ¹⁵ the land of Zebulun, the land of Naphtali, the road by the sea, the land beyond Jordan, heathen Galilee', and says:

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¹⁶The people that lived in darkness saw a great light;
light dawned on the dwellers in the land of death's dark shadow.'

¹⁷From that day Jesus began to proclaim the message: 'Repent; for Some
witnesses omit: Repent; for the kingdom of Heaven is upon you.'

¹⁸JESUS WAS WALKING by the Sea of Galilee when is he saw two brothers,
Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the lake; for they
were fishermen. ¹⁹Jesus said to them, 'Come with me, and I will make you fishers
of men.' ²⁰They left their nets at once and followed him.

²¹He went on, and saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his
brother John; they were in the boat with their father Zebedee, overhauling their
nets. He called them, ²²and at once they left the boat and their father, and
followed him.

²³He went round the whole of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the
gospel of the Kingdom, and curing whatever illness or infirmity there was among
the people. ²⁴His fame reached the whole of Syria; and sufferers from every kind
of illness, racked with pain, possessed by devils, epileptic, or paralysed, were all
brought to him, and he cured them. ²⁵Great crowds also followed him, from
Galilee and the Ten Towns Greek: Decapolis, from Jerusalem and Judaea, and
from Transjordan.