



Christmas Reflection – Darren Young

A Time For Everything Sad To Begin To Become Untrue

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During the days when Jesus was to be born, it was a period of darkness. People were oppressed and struggling and hurting and in despair. It was a time without hope.

And God sent an angel to a young woman named Mary. And he said to Mary, "It's time."

And Mary said, "It's time for what?"

And the angel said, "**It's time for everything sad to begin to become untrue.** Mary, a Light is coming into the darkness. I'm sending you a Son."

And Mary was so overwhelmed, she ran to see her cousin, Elizabeth. We are told that Elizabeth, the moment that she saw her, that the Spirit of God entered her and Elizabeth knew the King was coming.

Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, prophesied—meaning that God gave him words to speak—and Zechariah spoke of a sunrise. We read this in Luke 1:78-79. Zechariah said, "*Whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.*"

I want to encourage you just for one moment. Close your eyes and I want you to picture darkness. I want you to picture just darkness over the land. And I want you to feel the coldness of it.

And then on the horizon, I want you to see the sun breaking forth. I want you to feel it.

In the Bible, in ancient literature, in general, sunrise was a picture of hope. That in the middle of darkness and in the middle of despair and loneliness and weariness, that Hope was breaking forth, that Light was coming into the darkness.

And that that Light has a name.

And His name is Jesus.

And **He came to make everything sad come untrue for all peoples** Isaiah speaks of.

And *this* is the Christmas story.