

WE SING BECAUSE HE REMEMBERS US

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest of Abijah's division named Zechariah. His wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both *were righteous in God's sight*, living without blame according to all the commands and requirements of the Lord. *But they had no children* because Elizabeth could not conceive, and both of them were well along in years.
Luke 1:5-7

1. Jesus defeats our enemies.

Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has visited
and provided redemption for his people.
He has raised up a *horn of salvation* for us
in the house of his servant *David*,
just as he spoke by the mouth
of his holy prophets in ancient times;
salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of those who hate us.
Luke 1:68-71

For indeed, LORD, your enemies—
indeed, your enemies will perish;
all evildoers will be scattered.
You have lifted up my horn
like that of a wild ox;
I have been anointed with the finest oil.
Psalm 92:9-10

2. Jesus remembers us.

He has dealt mercifully with our ancestors
and remembered his holy covenant—
the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,
to grant that we,
having been rescued
from the hand of our enemies,
would serve him without fear
in holiness and righteousness
in his presence all our days.
And you, child, will be called
a prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his ways,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins.
Luke 1:72-77

He took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "Your offspring will be that numerous."
Genesis 15:5

He said to him, "Bring me a three-year-old cow, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." So he brought all these to him, cut them in half, and laid the pieces opposite each other... As the sun was setting, *a deep sleep* came over Abram, and suddenly great terror and darkness descended on him... When the sun had set and it was dark, *a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch appeared and passed between the divided animals*. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "I give this land to your offspring...
Genesis 15:9-10, 12, 17-18

3. Jesus brings us a new day.

Because of our *God's merciful compassion*,
the dawn from on high will visit us
to shine on those who live in darkness
and the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1:78-79

Reflection Question:

As you look back on the last year, where have you experienced the light of Jesus in dark places?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.