Day 18 Morning Star

*I, Jesus... am... the bright Morning Star. Revelation 22:16*

If you live in the city, it’s very hard to imagine how dark it would be at night if there was no electricity. No streetlights, no neon signs, no lights in shop windows or office blocks or houses.

If you live on an isolated farm, you probably have a much better idea of how dark it gets when the lights go out for the night. And how brilliant it is when the first ray of light begins the dawn of a new day.

Can you imagine the darkest of nights suddenly being transformed by a brilliant glow of light lighting up the sky? If you can, you get some idea of what this name for Jesus means. He is the Morning Star who ends the darkness and begins the light of a brand-new day.

Jesus is only called the ‘Morning Star’ once in the whole Bible. It’s right at the end, in the Book of Revelation. This book has lots of images and symbols in it. This is partly because it’s trying to describe things that we haven’t experienced yet, especially what life will look like when Jesus returns. At that time God will make all things new. There will be a new heaven and a new earth.

The coming of Jesus as the bright Morning Star heralds the great beginning of this new heaven and new earth. The shining of the Morning Star tells us that the dawn of a whole new age for eternity has started. The brilliance of that new age will outshine everything that exists now.

Who will enjoy living in this new age of light that Jesus, the Morning Star announces? It is everyone who loves Jesus and trusts in him. Jesus, the bright Morning Star will shine on all who follow him. And they will live in his light forever.