

Before and After

Matthew 12:20 (NIV)

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.

Matthew 12:21 (NIV)

In his name the nations will put their hope.

Isaiah 53:5 (KJV)

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

John 8:12 (NIV)

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

BEYOND the Resurrection!

Ephesians 1:18-20 (NIV)

18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

1. God's Power is Distinct!

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| • “incomparably” | <i>hyperballo</i> | “Beyond the usual mark, surpass” |
| • “great” | <i>megethos</i> | “magnitude, greatness” |
| • “power” | <i>dunamis</i> | “force, miraculous power” |
| • “working” | <i>energeia</i> | “efficiency, strong working” |
| • “mighty” | <i>ischus</i> | “to have strength and power as an endowment.” |

2. God's Power is Demonstrated!

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| • “strength” | <i>kratos</i> | “dominion, demonstrated power.” |
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Ephesians 6:10 (NIV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.