

# Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

The Light of the World  
John 7, 8; Matthew 5:14-16  
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## Main idea:

When Jesus exclaimed that He is "the Light of the world" in John 8:12, His message was that He is God made flesh, and the Savior of all who follow Him (8:12b). His disciples are also "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14) but in the sense that they are His witnesses who are charged with the obligation of living out the implications of their faith in Him every day in the view of others (5:15,16).

No outline today

## Questions for further application and contemplation:

#1 What are the essential elements of a faithful gospel presentation? How would you explain the gospel to an unbeliever from John 8:12?

#2 How would you explain to another believer the difference between Jesus's proclamation to be personally "the Light of the world," and His declaration that His disciples are "the light of the world?"

How could it help to incorporate John 9:4-5 into your explanation?

#3 What are some of the ways Christians can dim their light? What commitments can they make to cause it to shine more brightly?

#4 In the context of Matthew 5, flesh out the "good works" of His disciples that Jesus refers to in 5:16.

#5 What is the likely effect of a spoken gospel witness that is not supported by a testimony of faithful living?