

JESUS AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12-30

A THREAD OF LIGHT WOVEN THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 42:6

"I, the Lord, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness. I will take you by the hand and guard you, and I will give you to my people, Israel, as a symbol of my covenant with them. And you will be a light to guide the nations.

Isaiah 49:6

He says, "You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Isaiah 60:1

"Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you.

Isaiah 60:3

All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance.

Isaiah 60:19

"No longer will you need the sun to shine by day, nor the moon to give its light by night, for the Lord your God will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Acts 26:23

that the Messiah would suffer and be the first to rise from the dead, and in this way announce God's light to Jews and Gentiles alike."

1 Thessalonians 5:5

For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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¹² Jesus said to the people, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."¹³ The Pharisees replied, "You are making false claims about yourself!"¹⁴ Jesus told them, "These claims are valid even though I make them about myself. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you don't know this about me."¹⁵ You judge me with all your human limitations, but I am not judging anyone.¹⁶ And if I did, my

judgment would be correct in every respect because I am not alone -- I have with me the Father who sent me.¹⁷ Your own law says that if two people agree about something, their witness is accepted as fact.¹⁸ I am one witness, and my Father who sent me is the other."¹⁹ "Where is your father?" they asked. Jesus answered, "Since you don't know who I am, you don't know who my Father is. If you knew me, then you would know my Father, too."²⁰ Jesus made these statements while he was teaching in the section of the Temple known as the Treasury. But he was not arrested, because his time had not yet come.²¹ Later Jesus said to them again, "I am going away. You will search for me and die in your sin. You cannot come where I am going."²² The Jewish leaders asked, "Is he planning to commit suicide? What does he mean, 'You cannot come where I am going?'"²³ Then he said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not."²⁴ That is why I said that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am who I say I am, you will die in your sins."²⁵ "Tell us who you are," they demanded. Jesus replied, "I am the one I have always claimed to be."²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to condemn, but I won't. For I say only what I have heard from the one who sent me, and he is true."²⁷ But they still didn't understand that he was talking to them about his Father.²⁸ So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will realize that I am he and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak what the Father taught me."²⁹ And the one who sent me is with me -- he has not deserted me. For I always do those things that are pleasing to him."³⁰ Then many who heard him say these things believed in him.-John 8:12-30

Jesus is the _____.

Without Jesus, we are staggering through the _____.

Jesus' claims that He is the light of the world was _____ to the Jewish Pharisees.

Jesus makes an _____ claim that rattles the _____ humanist who is offended by the declaration that He is THE light of the world.

If you believe Jesus, you must believe the _____ of Jesus. He claims to be the only _____, not one of several.

John 8:24

If you believe Jesus is one of several _____, Jesus is a _____ & not worth being counted among the gods worth following.

John 8:24

So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.- Romans 10:17

Believing in the Christ is the path to following Him and decision to exit _____ and enter _____.