

I AM  
I am the Light of the World  
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**John 8:12** Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “**I am the light of the world.** If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

**1 John 1:5** This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: **God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.**

### WHY IS THIS SIGNIFICANT?

1. The Sun  
✓ Life

**John 5:24** “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already **passed from death into life.**”

- ✓ Vision

**Isaiah 9:2** The people **walking in darkness** have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a **light has dawned.**

**Psalms 37:23** The **Lord makes firm the steps** of the one who delights in him.

- ✓ Joy

**John 15:11** "I have told you these things so that you will be **filled with my joy.** Yes, your joy will overflow!"

2. Light always wins

### What does this mean for us?

1. Follow the light

**Exodus 13:21** The Lord went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night.

**Psalms 119:105** Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

**Key Thought:** Whom you are following determines where you are going, and where you are going determines your destiny.

2. Be the light

**Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG)** “Here’s another way to put it: **You’re here to be light,** bringing out the

God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. **If I make you light-bearers**, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; **be generous with your lives**. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."

3 ways we can be the light:

✓ Be the light with our attitude

✓ Be the light with our actions

**James 1:22** But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

✓ Be the light with our generosity

**Psalms 139:7-12** Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the

darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, **for darkness is as light to you**.

**Walk Away:** Jesus is the Light of the World, therefore we are to be the Light of our World.