

I AM – Jesus as the Fulfillment of God’s Redemptive Plan
The Light of the World
John 8: 12-20

Main Idea: Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, reveals God’s presence, exposes the darkness, and guides His people into life.

John 8:12-30

¹² Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” ¹³ So the Pharisees said to Him, “You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true.” ¹⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I am testifying about Myself, My testimony is true, because I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. ¹⁶ But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in it*, but I and the Father who sent Me. ¹⁷ Even in your Law it has been written that the testimony of two people is [true](#). ¹⁸ I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me.” ¹⁹ So they were saying to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also.” ²⁰ These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple *area*; and no one arrested Him, because His hour had not yet come. ²¹ Then He said again to them, “I am going away, and you will look for Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.” ²² So the Jews were saying, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’” ²³ And He was saying to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. ²⁴ Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.” ²⁵ Then they were saying to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “What have I even been saying to you *from* the beginning? ²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge regarding you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I say to the world.” ²⁷ They did not realize that He was speaking to them *about* the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, and I do nothing on My own, but I say these things as the Father instructed Me. ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.” ³⁰ As He said these things, many came to believe in Him. (NASB)

The Light of the World – John 8:12

The Text: Jesus claims to be the exclusive light for a world in darkness.

The Lesson: Jesus is the divine Light who alone can bring salvation and truth.

Application: Following Christ means leaving the shadows of sin and living in His Light.

The Conflict between Light and Darkness – John 8:13-18

The Text: The Pharisees doubted Jesus because they judged by appearances rather than truth.

The Lesson: Rejection of Jesus is not intellectual, but moral – darkness resists the Light.

Application: Don't let pride or surface-level judgments blind you to the authority of Christ.

Responding to the Light – John 8:19-20

The Text: To reject the Son is to reject the Father, for the two are inseparable.

The Lesson: Rejecting Christ is rejecting God, leading to eternal darkness.

Application: To embrace Christ is to walk daily in the presence and power of God's Light.

Conclusion/Summary

- The Light Reveals, Guides, Conquers – It also must be Reflected.
- John 8:12–20 is not a casual metaphor; it is a bold, divine claim in the middle of Israel's greatest festival of light. Jesus identifies Himself as the Light of the World — the Shekinah glory incarnate, the fulfillment of prophecy, the One who conquers darkness and brings life. His words divide the audience: some reject, some believe (v. 30). The same division continues today. The question for every reader is unavoidable: *Will you remain in darkness, or will you follow the Light of life?*