

# Jesus, The Light of the World

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* **John 8:12 (NIV)**

## INTRODUCTION

John 7-8 takes place during the Feast of the Tabernacles, one of Israel's biggest religious festival.

This feast celebrated:

- God leading, guiding the Israel through the wilderness
- God's provision
- The pillar of cloud by day
- The pillar of fire by night

So at night during the feast, huge lamps were lit in the temple courts. These giants lights symbolized: God guiding his people through darkness in the wilderness.

So when Jesus later says: "I am the light of the world....."

He is making a massive claim: "I am the true light of God's presence and guidance."

Before Jesus made this declaration that He is the light, something dramatic happened. The religious leaders bring a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Their goal was not to seek justice but they were trying to trap Jesus. It was a setup that only gave him two options:

- Stone her-- He could appear harsh and violate Roman legal authority.
- Let her go-- They could accuse Him of breaking Moses' Law.

Jesus instead exposes the hypocrisy of the religious leaders and turns the question back to them. In doing so, he is confronting sin while showing mercy,

and rescuing a broken woman.

Then Jesus spoke to them, saying, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* **John 8:12 NKJV**

We live in a world filled with darkness, confusion, fear, sin, hopelessness, and brokenness. People are searching everywhere for meaning, peace, and direction. But in the middle of that darkness, Jesus makes this bold declaration, and makes it clear, that He is the place to find meaning, peace, and hope.

### **"I AM the light of the world"**

-He did not say:

-I am the light.

-I can show you the light.

-I am one of the lights.

He said: **"I AM** the light of the world."

Jesus is the only light in all the world that can truly overcome spiritual darkness. Jesus is not just offering advice. He is offering Himself.

## **1. JESUS REVEALS TRUTH**

**John 1:4-5** *"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* (NIV)

In the Bible, **Light** represents:

- Truth
- Holiness
- Guidance
- Salvation
- Life with God

**Darkness** represents:

- Sin
- Ignorance
- Evil
- Wandering
- Separation from God

Light reveals what darkness hides. When Jesus shines truth becomes visible.

You cannot heal what you refuse to bring to the light.

## 2 – JESUS REMOVES DARKNESS

**1 John 1:5-7**-*"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."* (NIV)

**If we walk in the light... the blood of Jesus purifies us. Darkness cannot overcome light.**

Where Jesus enters:

- chains break,
- shame loses power,
- fear is defeated,
- and hope returns.

Jesus did not come just to expose darkness, He came to deliver people from it.

When we have fellowship with Jesus this means we trust and obey and walk with Him daily.

- He guides our decisions
- He exposes sin
- He gives wisdom
- He provides peace

For those walking in brokenness, addiction, anxiety, spiritual confusion, the answer is not merely religion or human wisdom. The answer is Jesus. He is still calling people out of darkness into His marvelous light.

## 3 – JESUS CALLS US TO REFLECT HIS LIGHT

**Matthew 5:14-16** *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* (NIV)

After Jesus becomes the Light in us, He calls us to shine for the world to see through our Love, compassion, words, character, holiness and truth.

A dark world needs shining Christians. The darker the world becomes, the brighter the Church needs to shine!

**We don't create our own light. we are created to reflect Christ's light.**

## **CONCLUSION**

Jesus did not say: "Find your own light."

He said: "Follow Me."

The answer to darkness is not religion, politics, or human effort.

The answer is Jesus.

"Maybe today you feel surrounded by darkness—fear, confusion, guilt, addiction, or hopelessness.

Jesus is still the Light of the world.

And wherever His light shines, darkness cannot remain."