

# GOD'S WORD



FOR LIFE



**I Am the Light  
of the World**

**John 8:12**

## **SERIES OVERVIEW:**

- This series explores four of the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel John. These sayings have been the focus of countless studies and for good reason. They reveal much about Christ, the human manifestation of the invisible God! This series will teach us much about the Godhead, but much more about what it means to be like Christ, the incarnation of the I AM.

## **TRUTH ABOUT GOD:**

- Jesus is the Light who illuminates our way.

## **TRUTH FOR MY LIFE:**

- I will see myself and others in the Light of Jesus Christ.

## **THE CONTEXT:**

Apostle John was a disciple of John the Baptist and was one of the first to follow Jesus Christ (**JOHN 1:35-42**); he was one of the Twelve Apostles (**MATTHEW 10: 1-4**); he was also one of Three Apostles to see Jesus Christ glorified on Mt. Transfiguration (**MATTHEW 17:1-13**); he was also the closest Apostle to Jesus's bosom (**JOHN 13:23**); he was also the last of the Apostles to die in exile on the Island of Patmos (**REVELATION 1:9**).

Jesus commissioned him to write the things which he saw in the past, the things which he was dealing with in the present and the things which he saw through the Spirit for the future. He wrote this Gospel of John between 95 to 100 A.D. which contains these 7 Miracles and 7 "I AM" Statements (**REVELATION 1:19**). However, he did not write down all the things that Jesus did, only those things that readers could use to become Followers of Jesus (**JOHN 20:30**)! This Revelation that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of Living God is the foundation that the Church is built on (**MATTHEW 16:13-20**)! God did miraculous things through Jesus Christ to prove He is worthy of our trust in His leadership (**ACTS 2:22**)!

1. "I Am the Bread of Life." ([John 6:35, 41, 48, 51](#)) As bread sustains physical life, so Christ offers and sustains spiritual life.
2. "I Am the Light of the World." ([John 8:12](#)) To a world lost in darkness, Christ offers **Himself as a guide.**
3. "I Am the Door of the Sheep." ([John 10:7,9](#)) Jesus protects His followers as shepherds protect their flocks from predators.
4. "I Am the Resurrection and the Life." ([John 11:25](#)) Death is not the final word for those in Christ.
5. "I am the Good Shepherd." ([John 10:11, 14](#)) Jesus is committed to caring and watching over those who are His.
6. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." ([John 14:6](#)) Jesus is the source of all truth and knowledge about God.
7. "I Am the True Vine." ([John 15:1, 5](#)) By attached ourselves to Christ, we enable His life to flow in and through us. Then we cannot help but bear fruit that will honor the Father.



Two battleships assigned to the training squadron had been at sea on maneuvers in heavy weather for several days. I was serving on the lead battleship and was on watch on the bridge as night fell. The visibility was poor with patch fog, so the captain, remained on the bridge keeping an eye on all activities. Shortly after dark, the lookout on the wing of the bridge reported, "Light, bearing on the starboard bow." "Is it steady or moving astern?" the captain called out. Lookout replied, "Steady, captain," which meant we were on a dangerous collision course with that ship. The captain then called to the signalman, "Signal that ship: We are on a collision course, advise you change course 20 degrees."

Back came a signal, "Advisable for you to change course 20 degrees." The captain said, "Send, I'm a captain, change course 20 degrees." "I'm a seaman second class," came the reply. "You had better change course 20 degrees." By that time, the captain was furious. He spat out, "Send, I'm a battleship. Change course 20 degrees." Back came the flashing light, "I'm a lighthouse." We changed course! - **Stephen Covey, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People"**

### **THE TEXT: JOHN 8:12-59**

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the Light of the World. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the Light of Life.**" <sup>13</sup> The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. <sup>17</sup> It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. <sup>18</sup> I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."

<sup>19</sup> Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also." <sup>20</sup> These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the Temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come . . .

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

<sup>33</sup> They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free?'" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup> Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed . . .

<sup>48</sup> Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. <sup>50</sup> And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. <sup>51</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word he shall never see death."

<sup>52</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My Word he shall never taste death.' <sup>53</sup> Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"

<sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. <sup>55</sup> Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His Word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

<sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." <sup>59</sup> Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.



- "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me (JOHN 14:1).
- This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (I JOHN 1:5-7).



- I, Jesus, have sent My Angel to testify to you these things in the Churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” (REVELATION 22:16)

- In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of Men. <sup>5</sup> And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup> He was not that Light but was sent to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup> That was the True Light which gives Light to every man coming into the World.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the World, and the World was made through Him, and the World did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become Children of God, to those who believe in His Name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of Man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth.

- For the Son of Man will come in the Glory of His Father with His Angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. <sup>28</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom.” <sup>17:1</sup> Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; <sup>2</sup> and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the Sun, and His clothes became as white as the Light (MATTHEW 16:27-17:2).

- I, John, both your brother and companion in the Tribulation and Kingdom and Patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the Word of God and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I

heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. <sup>14</sup> His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; <sup>16</sup> He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. <sup>17</sup> And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death" (REVELATION 1:9-18).

- But I saw no Temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its Temple. <sup>23</sup> The City had no need of the Sun or of the Moon to shine in it, for the Glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its Light. <sup>24</sup> And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its Light, and the Kings of the Earth bring their glory and honor into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). <sup>26</sup> And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup> But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (REVELATION 21:22-27).

### OUR PRAYER FOCUS:

- For the light of Jesus to change how we view ourselves!
- For the light of Jesus to change how we view those around us!