

GOSPEL OF JOHN
Jesus Light of the World
John 8:12-59
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Jesus has been teaching and preaching for the last three years.

His teaching is more direct now which challenges exactly what they believe about Him and the coming Messiah.

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12 ESV

In the bible light represents that which is good and compatible with God. Darkness covers and obscures and light reveals.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5 ESV

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16 ESV

Jesus is our light.

JESUS COMES FROM THE FATHER

He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am (he) you will die in your sins."

John 8:23-24 ESV

He is literally telling them that He will pay for their sins.

So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am (He), and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught 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 was saying these things, many believed in Him.

John 8:28-30 ESV

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

John 8:31-33 ESV

The way to be free is to live by the truth. Jesus is the truth. He is not a command we keep He is a relationship we live.

Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."... 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." John 8:51, 58 ESV

We are not talking about physical death. We are talking about our spiritual lives.

They ask the question of Jesus 'Who do you make yourself out to be?' Three times directly Jesus refers to Himself as 'I am.' 1 verses 24, 28 and 58. Did Jesus claim to be God intentionally? Yes.

Some believed and some tried to kill Him. But it was not yet His time.