



The Light of the World

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Memory Verse:

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

Historical Background & Context of John 8:12:

- John 7-8 takes place during the Feast of the Tabernacles/Booths/Sukkot
- Jesus' declaration as "The Light of the World" was a claim to be the true _____ of the very feast being celebrated
John 7:2, 8:20; Leviticus 23:33-43; Exodus 13:21-22; Isaiah 9:2, 42:6, 49:6; Zechariah 14:7-8

Biblical Imagery of Light and Darkness:

- Light as a symbol of _____, nature, and work...
 - Holiness & Purity *1 John 1:5; Habakkuk 1:14; Psalm 27:1*
 - Truth & Revelation *Psalm 119:105; John 1:9, 3:19-21*
 - Life & Salvation *John 1:4-5, 8:12; Psalm 36:9; Isaiah 9:2*
 - Guidance & Direction *Psalm 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 42:16*
- Darkness as a symbol of _____, sin, and separation from God...
 - Evil & Sin *Proverbs 4:19; Romans 13:12; John 3:19-20; Ephesians 5:11*
 - Realm of Satan *Colossians 1:13; Acts 26:18; Ephesians 6:12; Luke 22:53*
 - Ignorance & Deception *2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 2:11; Isaiah 5:20; Romans 1:21-22*
 - Spiritual Blindness & Confusion *Isaiah 60:2; Deuteronomy 28:29; Job 12:25; Micah 3:6*
 - Judgement & Death *Exodus 10:21-23; Matthew 8:12; Jude 13; 2 Peter 2:17*
- **Summary:** From Genesis to Revelation, _____ always triumphs over _____

Genesis 1:1-5; Revelation 22:5



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Jesus, “The Light of the World,” a light that...

- _____ *John 3:19-21; 2 Corinthians 4:4*
- Gives _____ *John 1:4; Genesis 1:1-4*
- _____ *Psalms 119:105; John 1:4*
- _____ through His _____ *Matthew 5:14-16*

What does this mean for me?

- I have to choose to _____ in the light *1 John 1:7-9*
 1. Step out of the _____ *1 John 1:7-8*
 2. _____ the light *Ephesians 5:1-2*
 - _____ to Jesus as Savior and Lord *John 3:16-18; Romans 10:9-10*
 - Daily _____ *Psalms 119:105; Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 John 2:6*
 3. _____ my light *Ephesians 5:8-9; Matthew 5:14-16*

My next step today is to...

- Memorize John 8:12
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get **baptized**
- Plan to attend the rest of the *I AM Series* (as much as I can)
- Daily depend on Jesus for _____
- Shine my light for Jesus _____
- _____

Reflection Questions:

- When Jesus says, “I am the Light of the World,” what does that reveal to you personally about His character and His relationship to darkness in your life?
- Where do you currently sense “darkness creeping in? How might Jesus’ light bring clarity or freedom there?
- The light reveals what’s hidden. What area of your life might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to bring out of the shadows into God’s light?
- What does daily dependence on Jesus look like in your current season of life?
- The sermon compared Jesus’ guidance to a lighthouse that doesn’t calm the storm but shows the way through it. How does that image help you face current challenges or uncertainties?
- How can repentance and confession (stepping out of the shadows) bring renewal and healing in your walk with Christ this week?
- Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.” What does it practically mean for you to let your light shine before others in your daily environment (home, work, relationships)?
- Where do you sense God calling you to shine light in dark or difficult places — through kindness, forgiveness, or integrity?
- How might your story of Jesus guiding you through darkness encourage someone else who is struggling?