



## JESUS THE TRUE LIGHT



*Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (Jn. 8:12 NLT)*

*The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. (John 1:9-11 NLT)*

### INTRODUCTION

The second "I Am" statement Jesus declared in the Gospel of John is about his divine nature and mission. Jesus said, "I Am the Light of the World. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (Jn. 8:12).

This message is intended to help us to see the light coming from Jesus which anyone who believes in him can see it. This light is not the physical light we all see through our eyes. Rather, this is the unique light God has revealed to the world through His only One Son. In the beginning, in the book of Genesis 1:3, we read: And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

That is the same light has been revealed to the whole world through the person and mission of Jesus Christ, who came to this world to show us who is God and what He is bringing to us by His Only son, Jesus Christ. Let me ask you, have you seen this light already?"

## 1. THE DARKNESS

A. The Promise of the Light: The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. (Isa 9:2 NLT)

B. The Problem of Darkness: And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants." (John 3:19-21 NLT)

C. The Reality of Darkness: Mass Media reports (violence, terrorism, war, oppression, injustice, moral depravity, distress, ignorance, deception.) "With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. (Ephesians 4:17-19 NLT)

D. Satan's Dominion:

"Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God." (2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT)

## 2. THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

A. Jesus Christ is the True Light (John.1:9) The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world

B. Jesus Christ is the True Knowledge of God: For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6 NLT)

C. Jesus Christ is the Light of Salvation: "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (John 8:12 NLT). "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (Jn.9:5 ESV)

D. Follower of Jesus Christ have become the Light of the World. They are witnesses of the Light. (Peter, James, John, Paul, and the rest of Jesus' disciples.

"You are the light of the world-- like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:14-16 NLT)

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