

current sermon series

THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

The Light of the World

Jesus' claim to be the Light of the world demands that we follow Him.

John 8:12-20

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.”¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.”

John 8:12-20

¹⁴ Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge,

John 8:12-20

my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.”

John 8:12-20

¹⁹ They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple;

John 8:12-20

but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

John 8:12

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The Light of the World

Light is the active power that dispels darkness.

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Darkness is used to describe:

- God's judgment and wrath

Exodus 10:21

[*The Ninth Plague: Darkness*] Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt.”

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Darkness is used to describe:

- God's judgment and wrath
- Man's ignorance to God and the things of God.

Romans 1:21-22

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Ephesians 4:17-18

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

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Darkness is used to describe:

- God's judgment and wrath
- Man's ignorance to God and the things of God.
- Man's sin and our sinful way of life.

Ephesians 4:8, 11

for at one time you were darkness...

¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works
of darkness,

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Jesus is the light of God's revelation that leads us out of the darkness of our ignorance of God.

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Jesus is the light of God's salvation that will lead us out of the darkness of our sin.

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Jesus is the light of God's propitiation that will absorb the darkness of God's wrath for our sin.

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Jesus is the light of God's truth that will lead us from the darkness of falsehood.

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Jesus is the light of God's holiness that will lead us out of the darkness of our impurity.

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Jesus is the light of God's joy that leads us out of our sorrow.

The Light of the World

Jesus is the light of Gods life that leads us out of death.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:8

for at one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light

Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

John 8:12

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

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To be a follower of Jesus is to willingly give yourself totally to Christ.

John 3:19-20

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

John 7:17

“If anyone’s will is to do God’s will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking of my own authority”.