

¹²When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid." ¹⁴Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. ¹⁶But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. ¹⁷In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. ¹⁸I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me." ¹⁹Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come.

²¹Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come." ²²This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?" ²³But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins." ²⁵"Who are you?" they asked. "Just what I have been claiming all along," Jesus replied. ²⁶"I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world."

²⁷They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. ²⁸So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. ²⁹The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." ³⁰Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.

I AM: The Light of the World
John 8:12

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The context of Jesus' statement

What does Jesus being the light of the world mean?

- 1. God's _____ is with you.**
- 2. God's _____ is around you.**
- 3. God's _____ is before you.**

Matthew 5:14 – "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."
-Jesus



John 8:12 “I am the light of the world”

Write in your own words how you have come to know Jesus as the “light of the world”.

What does knowing Jesus is the light of the world mean to you?

- ❖ Read John Chapter 8:1-11 and 12-30

John 8:1-11 is the account of the woman caught in adultery. Jesus illuminates sin to all those who stand in judgment of her. He also illuminates repentance and forgiveness to the woman. Later on Jesus declares this powerful truth in His teaching, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Just as He had instructed the woman in verse 11 (neither do I condemn you... go now and leave your life of sin) He now declares to all of us in verse 12 (whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life). Can you picture in your mind the light of life that entered this woman’s heart after being saved by Jesus?

- ❖ According to the teachings of Jesus, how should knowing Jesus as the light of the world change your life?
- ❖ Read John 1:4-9. How does verse 9 connect with Jesus’ teaching found in John 8:12?
- ❖ Read John 3:19-21. How do these teachings of Jesus help your understanding of Jesus as the light of the world?
- ❖ Read John 9:4-5 is another passage where Jesus reveals himself as the Light of the World
- ❖ Read 1 John 1:5-9. This is a powerful truth to all of us. Does this verse pierce your soul?
- ❖ What does Jesus want you to do with this truth?

As we read a few weeks ago in John 8:36 Jesus says, “so if the Son sets you free you are free indeed.” Live in the freedom and walk in the illumination from the Light of the World!

Daily Reading Plan through the Gospel of John

- Day 1 – Memory Verse: John 8:12
- Day 2 – John 6:25-59
- Day 3 – John 7:1-24
- Day 4 – John 7:25-52
- Day 5 – John 8:1-11
- Day 6 – John 8:12-59
- Day 7 – John 9:1-41