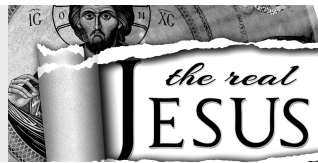


The Light We All Need

The Real Jesus- Part 26 John 8:12-30
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The Seven “I am” Statements in John:

“I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

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

“I am the door of the sheep.” (John 10:7,9)

“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)

“I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11, 14)

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)

“I am the true vine.” (John 15:1, 5)

1. What does Jesus mean when He says, “I am the Light of world”?

Just like turning on a light in a dark room reveals all that otherwise may be hidden, Jesus’ teaching and way of life reveals the fullness of God’s truth and love to a dark and hostile world. In the Old Testament, “light” is regularly used as a metaphor for God revealing His truth and displaying His presence with His people.

Genesis 1:4 *God saw that the light was good, so God separated the light from the darkness.*

Exodus: 13:21 *By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way & by night in a pillar of fire to give them light*

Psalms 119:105 - *“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”*

2. Why do we need it?

Because pride in our life tells us that we don’t need someone else to tell us what to do. Without him **you will** walk in darkness.

Step one is confessing that **you need** his guidance and presence! Humility is what keeps you in a place where **you want** to “follow” God’s leading daily.

3. How does God use it in our lives?

A: Everyone knows how helpful the navigation tools on our phones and vehicles are. God’s revealed truth in the person and teachings of Jesus (and the whole of the Bible) help us navigate life. In John 8:12 Jesus promises that if we follow him we will never walk in darkness!

B: The book of Matthew tells us that, “You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”. Part of God’s plan to reach people, is to use His light in you!

John 1:4 *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

Isaiah 49:6 (Acts 13:47) *I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”*

Community Group Questions:

1. Light in the Old Testament didn’t just represent illumination, but also God’s presence (pillar of smoke/fire during the Exodus). How does the reality of God’s presence impact your life?
2. Matthew 5:14 says, “you are the light of the world.” The you is actually plural and might read better as, “y’all”. With this in mind, how does this change your understanding for Matt. 5:14-16?

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