

I AM the Light of the World

JOHN 1:1-18



Consider the Darkness in the World

- The Earth was without form and void; darkness was on the face of the deep – **Genesis 1:1-3**
- God had already destroyed the earth once – Genesis 6:1-3; 2 Peter 3:5-6
- Still, the Gentiles fell into idolatry and God “gave them up” – Romans 1:18-32
- The Jews sought to establish their own righteousness – **Romans 10:1-4**
 - The High Priests were servants of Rome and had “commercialized” the Temple
 - The Sadducees had devolved into secular politicism
 - The Pharisees who were teachers of the law, became tyrants enslaving people with their traditions.
- *Israel had failed in her duty as a light to the world!*
- The world was truly in darkness! – **Romans 3:9-20**



John 1:1-12 (NKJV)

(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. (4) In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (5) And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (6) There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. (7) This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all

through him might believe. (8) He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. (9) That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. (10) He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. (11) He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. (12) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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

- Tragically, this entire statement, and it's significance was lost on them. They would not even consider it. (Mark 4:10-12)
- **Isaiah 60:1-3** – A light the LORD has sent
- “And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it” – (John 1:5)
Vs. 13, 27
 - Note verse 28 “... **then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself;**
 - And verse 58 “**Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.**”
- And again, their response? “**Then they took up stones to throw at Him;**”



“As Long as I am in the World, I am the Light of the World” – John 9:5

“But... what would happen when Jesus’ ministry ended? What would become of His light in the world?”

- A sudden transition, “Now as Jesus passed by...”
 - He saw a man blind from birth.
 - Rabbi, who sinned?
 - **“Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.”** (Job)
- **“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”**
 - Jesus used this imagery (John 11:9-10; 12:35)
 - He knew His earthly ministry would end (Mark 8:31)
 - He understood *urgency!*
John 4:31-38
- **“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”**

“You are the Light of the World” – Matthew 5:14



- He knew before He came, how His ministry would end
 - Although in truth, it did not end at the cross
 - His ministry continues at God’s right hand (Hebrews 8:1; 10:12)
- He frequently warned His disciples of His imminent death (**John 16:4-8**)
- He was constantly preparing them for His departure (**John 14:1-4**)
- *You will be my witnesses...* (Acts 1:8)
- *You are the light of the world!* (**Matthew 5:14**)
- *You are His legacy* (Isaiah 53:8; Matthew 12:48)
- Will you be His light-bearer? (**Matthew 5:16**)

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