

Walking in the Light

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John 8:12–20

Main Verse: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12)

First Thoughts

- Darkness changes everything: it brings confusion, fear, and uncertainty.
- The morning after this ceremony, Jesus declared, ******"I am the light of the world,"** claiming to be the true Light sent by God.

Jesus Is the Only Light That Can Lead Us

- Jesus' "I AM" statement is a claim to deity.
- Following Jesus means trusting, surrendering to, and obeying Him.
- Only Jesus delivers us from spiritual darkness; the world's "lights" always disappoint.
- Application: Follow Christ daily rather than relying on worldly substitutes.

Jesus' Authority Doesn't Depend on Human Approval

- The Pharisees challenged Jesus' credibility instead of His message.
- Application: Knowing about God is not the same as knowing God through Christ.

Jesus' Testimony Is Confirmed by the Father

- The Father testified to Jesus through prophecy, miracles, Scripture, baptism, and ultimately the resurrection.
- Application: You cannot claim to know God while rejecting Jesus.

Rejecting Jesus Reveals Spiritual Blindness

- The Pharisees misunderstood Jesus because they did not truly know the Father.
- Religion, tradition, and biblical knowledge cannot save apart from Christ.
- Jesus remained in complete control because His "hour had not yet come."

Final Thoughts

- Follow Jesus—not merely admire Him.
- Allow Christ's light to expose and transform areas of sin.
- Reflect Christ's light through truth, integrity, forgiveness, love, and pointing others to Jesus.
- Every person begins in spiritual darkness, but Jesus alone offers forgiveness and eternal life.

- Like a lighthouse guides ships through a storm, Jesus is the Light who leads us safely.