

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS
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BIG IDEA: Jesus is the light of the world. He invites us to come to His light, walk in His light, and lead others to His light.

KEY VERSE:

“Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, ‘I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.’” -John 8:12

FOCUS PASSAGE: JOHN 8:12-20

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¹⁴Jesus told them, “These claims are valid even though I make them about myself. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you don’t know this about me.

¹⁵You judge me by human standards, but I do not judge anyone. ¹⁶And if I did, my judgment would be correct in every respect because I am not alone. The Father who sent me is with me. ¹⁷Your own law says that if two people agree about something, their witness is accepted as fact. ¹⁸I am one witness, and my Father who sent me is the other.”

¹⁹“Where is your father?” they asked.

Jesus answered, “Since you don’t know who I am, you don’t know who my Father is. If you knew me, you would also know my Father.” ²⁰Jesus made these statements while he was teaching in the section of the Temple known as the Treasury. But he was not arrested, because his time had not yet come.

WHAT JESUS WANTS US TO KNOW ABOUT THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

#1. Jesus is the light who _____.

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“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.” -John 1:5

“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.” -Colossians 1:15

#2. Jesus is the light that _____.

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“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.” -Psalm 119:105

#3. Jesus is the light that _____.

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#4. The world will always _____.

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#5. As Jesus’ followers, we are called to _____.

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” -Matthew 5:14-16

HOW DO WE SHINE THE LIGHT OF JESUS?

- Shine His light through your _____.
- Shine His light through your _____.
- Shine His light through your _____.
- Shine His light by your _____.

