



I AM the Light

John 8:12-20 | Ryan Pfeiffer | October 26, 2025

INTRO. Series looking at the 7 I AM statements.

- These statements are hyperlinks back to Exodus 3:14 I AM WHO I AM.
- Jesus uses them to reveal this divine nature... fully human... fully God.

CONTEXT. Jesus says this @ Temple... Feast of Tabernacles...

1. 7dy/Fall festival ... remember 40 yr journey thru desert- slavery/ freedom
2. Every nite/ All Nite- celebrated with a "light show"—> God/ pillar of fire
3. Torches, singing, dancing, all nighter! Not a corner of Jerusalem unlit!!
4. Story of rabbi's juggling flaming torches... a real PARTY!
5. Rabbi's saw lighting torches symbolic—> coming messiah... Illumine...

FOCUS. What is Jesus saying about himself and secondly, why should you follow him?

WHO IS JESUS?

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world.

There are many lights in our world... Candles, flashlights, bonfires, LED, etc...

There's really only 1 light that truly matters... w/out which we'd cease- exist

The Sun is so big you can fit 1.3M earths inside it

- It's estimated to be 4.6B yrs old
- It burns at 15M degrees C.
- It sits at the center of Solar System...93M miles away...
- Yet only takes 8min for it's light to reach us- warm our skin, brighten r day.

Jesus is the light of the Godhead Who stands at the center of all REALITY.

- Heb 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being...
- Col 1:15 The Son is the image of the invisible God...
- Col 1:19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him...

Jesus is not simply a gifted teacher who taught us well about God.

Jesus is God himself... revealing the glory of God in terms we can understand

For this reason the Nicene Creed (325AD) proclaims Jesus' divinity:

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made; of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made.

What does it mean Jesus is the radiance of God's glory?

1. Jesus is the ultimate revelation of the truth about God. John 8:19 If you knew me, you would know my Father also.
 - Thru Jesus we know God personally... why it's hard to say Jesus.
 - Thru Jesus we learn what God is like, what he loves, hates, cares about.
 - Thru Jesus we learn what God expects of us and asks of us.
2. Jesus is the truth by which we see ALL REALITY.
 1. It's how we know who we are.

2. How we should see others.
3. Our purpose for existing.
4. How we should live our daily lives.

John 8:31: If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Free from what? So glad you asked...

WHY SHOULD YOU FOLLOW HIM?

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

We all know this darkness... we've felt it...

- In our losses
- Our secrets
- Our insecurities
- Our newsfeeds: Another— shooting, scandal, controversy.

Bible teaches... There's a darkness in our world because it's in all our hearts.

It's not simply out there... its in here. So God's rescue begins here.

Ephesians 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Why should you follow Jesus...

because he has passed through the deepest darkness and overcome it.

John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There is no darkness that Jesus has not and cannot overcome.

Why should you follow Jesus...

No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

Jesus revealed the love of God through his life, death & resurrection.

Tim Keller— "There is light and high beauty forever beyond its reach because evil fell into the heart of Jesus. The only darkness that could have destroyed us forever fell into his heart."

Jesus carried the darkness with him to the cross and into the grave.

So that thru faith in Jesus, we can be forgiven and filled with his light.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

If you call on Jesus right now... He will immediately come into your life.

2 Cor 6:2 Right now God is ready to welcome you. Today he is ready to save you.

Luke 22:43 Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.