

SERMON NOTES

Reason To Believe: Jesus is the Light
John 8:12-30

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (8:12). In order to understand the purpose of the second “I am” statement found in John’s gospel, you must look to verse 30 in chapter 8. “As he was saying these things, many believed in him.” Our Lord’s proclamation was intended to help people see Him, understand Him, and ultimately believe in Him.

At this point, Jesus was not performing miracles. He was speaking. Romans 10:17 reminds us that faith comes by hearing the word of Christ. It was Jesus’ words that brought people to belief and faith.

As we study this passage, my goal and prayer is that one of two things will be the result of our study:

- You will be strengthened in your faith as a believer
- You will come to saving faith and trust Christ as your Savior

THE PROCLAMATION: Jesus is the Light of the World

- He is the true light (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6)
- He is the guiding light
- He is the universal light

THE PROMISES

- Follow Jesus and you will not **walk** in darkness.
- Follow Jesus and **you will have** the light of life. (John 1:4)

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.” *Matthew 5:14-15 (NASB95)*

“Servants of Christ shine with His light in a society that is hopelessly lost, left to itself. A servant of God distinctly gives off light in darkness with hardly a word being said.” — *Charles R. Swindoll*