

Light & Life - The Book Of John
“Jesus Is The Light” John 8:12-30
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Jesus is Bread – He Satisfies Our Hunger – No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ **I am the bread of life. John 6:46-47 (NIV)**

Jesus Is Water – He Satisfies Our Thirst - "If anyone is **thirsty**, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of **living water** will flow from within him.". **John 7:37-38 (NIV)**

1. Jesus Is The Light That Illumines God’s Truth

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "**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 (NIV)

In him was **life**, and that life was the **light of men**. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. **John 1:4-5 (NIV)**

How precious is your **unfailing love**, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ You **feed** them from the abundance of your own house, letting them **drink** from your river of delights. ⁹ For you are the fountain of life, the **light** by which we see. **Psalms 36:7-9 (NLT2)**

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. **Rev. 21:23 (NIV)**

¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, **appearing as your own witness**; your testimony is not valid." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by **human standards**; I pass judgment on no one. ¹⁶ But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. **I stand with the Father**, who sent me. ¹⁷ In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. **John 8:13-17 (NIV)**

Witnesses:

- John the Baptist – John 5:31-35
- Jesus’ Signs – John 5:36
- God The Father – John 5:37-38
- The Scriptures – John 5:39-44
- Moses – John 5:45-47

¹⁸ **I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."**

¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. **"If you knew me, you would know my Father also."** ²⁰ He spoke these words while **teaching in the temple** area near the place where the **offerings were put**. Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come.

John 8:18-20 (NIV)

Don't believe me **unless** I carry out my Father's work. ³⁸ But if I do his work, believe in the **evidence** of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will know and understand that the **Father is in me, and I am in the Father.**"

John 10:37-38 (NLT2)

2. Without The Light Of Jesus, Your Will Die In Your Sins

²¹ Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and **you will die in your sin**. Where I go, you cannot come." ²² This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?" ²³ But he continued, **"You are from below; I am from above**. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ **I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."** John 8:21-24 (NIV)

²⁵ "Who are you?" they asked. **"Just what I have been claiming all along,"** Jesus replied. ²⁶ "I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him **I tell the world."** ²⁷ They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said, "When you have **lifted up the Son of Man**, then you will know **that I am [the one I claim to be]** and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. ²⁹ **The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."** ³⁰ Even as he spoke, **many put their faith in him.** John 8:21-30 (NIV)

With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. ¹⁸ Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. ¹⁹ They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that isn't what you learned about Christ. ²¹ Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. **Ephesians 4:17-24 (NLT2)**

➤ **Will you be a light for Jesus?**

My next right step, I will:

[] Surrender my life to Jesus as my Lord and Savior

[] Take Foundations of Faith class

[] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family.]

Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: What is your most vivid memory as a child in a dark place?

Jesus is Bread – He Satisfies Our Hunger

Read John 6:46-47

What does Jesus claim?

Today we have access to more food than imaginable. How important was bread in the first century?

Jesus Is Living Water – He Satisfies Our Thirst

Read John 7:37-38

What does Jesus promise?

Read John 8:12-30

1. Jesus Is The Light That Illumines God’s Truth

Read John 8:12

What is Jesus really claiming?

What is the promise?

Read Psalm 36:7-9

What word picture are given about God?

Read Revelation 21:22-23

How is heaven described?

Why the image of constant light?

Read John 8:13-17

What does it matter that Jesus knows where he comes from?

What testimony does each of these witnesses give?

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Read John 8:18-20

What does the Pharisee's question reveal about their relationship with the Father? V.19

2. Without the Light of Jesus, You Will Die In Your Sins

Read John 8:21-28

What is at stake in this whole discussion? V.24

Why does everything hinge on who Jesus really is and who sent Him?

What does Jesus mean in verse 28?

Read Ephesians 4:17-24

How would you compare moral standards today with the Bible?

What does it mean to put off your old self?

What does it mean to put on the new self?

What can you do to improve putting off the old and putting on the new this week?

Close in Prayer.