

Jesus, the Great I AM

(10) The Light of the world

I AM the Light of the world...John 8:1-20

What is the clear I AM declaration made by Jesus in John 8:12?

I AM the Light of the world. Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness.

How has John taught this truth before? 1:1-4

In Him, the Word, was life and that life was the light of men (light of the world).

What amazing truth is given about the world recognizing this Light? 1:5

The true Light of the world shines in the (spiritual) darkness; has not understood.

What else is taught about the Light of the world? Jn.12:35-36; see 9:5

Jesus said you're going to have the Light (in person) just a little while longer.

And His admonition to those Jews present there with Him? 12:36

Trust in the Light while you have it so you may become sons of Light!

What is true for those who put their trust in Christ, who believe in Him? Mt.5:14 Col.1:27

These true believers are now the light of the world. Christ in us, the Hope of Glory.

What was the response when Jesus claimed to be the Light of the world, 8:12? 8:13 Deut.19:15

The Pharisees, religious elite, challenged Him! You can't bear witness of yourself!

But what is His answer? 8:14-18 (they were misrepresenting the Law)

My testimony is valid! You want two witnesses? I and My Father are true witnesses!!

Why does this world need Light?

What was a key ingredient to the commission Jesus gave to Saul? Acts 26:12-18

To open the eyes of Jews/Gentiles so they would turn from darkness to Light, Jesus.

What role does Satan have in hiding the Light? IICor.4:1-6, 11:14; Mt.13:18-19

He blinds the minds of those who are perishing; they can't see the Light of the Gospel.

But God, in His mercy, has done what? IPet.2:9-10

He has chosen. Believers are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...

Example: After Jesus gave physical sight to the blind man, what happened? Jn.9:13-23

The unbelieving Pharisees try to explain away the miracle! Discredit the man!

Under extreme pressure what does the healed man say? 9:24-25

He told what he knew. I was blind but now I see! The essence of any good witness.

Undaunted by the facts, how do the Pharisees respond? 9:26-29 And the healed man? 9:30

They hurled insults at him! Ascended to Moses! "How remarkable!" Even I know.

Jesus seeks the man out, 7:35, and what's the result? 7:36-38

The man believes in Jesus. And he worshiped Him. What the Pharisees should have done

And then Jesus explains why He is the Light of the world. What is it? 7:39

So the (spiritually) blind will see and those who claim (spiritual) sight will become blind.

Let us walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light...IJn.1:5-7