

SERIES: Gospel of John  
**I Am the Light of the World**  
John 8:12-20

**The Claim: Jesus is the Light of the World (8:12)**

- Notice what Jesus' claims as being the light:
  - As the light, Jesus is the **Savior**. (Isaiah 49:6)
  - As the light, Jesus is **God**. (1 John 1:5; Psalm 27:1)
  - As the light, Jesus is the **Judge**. (John 3:19-20)
- Notice the consequences of Jesus being the light:
  - There is no other light for the world other than Jesus. It is either Jesus or **darkness**. (John 1:4-5)
  - **Everyone** in the world needs Jesus as their light. (John 12:35, 46)
  - Creation was made for this light. It exposes the ugliness of sin and the beauty of everything good.
  - One day the world will be filled with this light. Darkness will be cast out, and Jesus' glory will shine.

**The Clash: The Pharisees Illustrate Walking in Spiritual Darkness (8:13-19)**

- If you walk in darkness, you will resist the **truth**. (13)
- If you walk in darkness, you will remain **blind** to Christ. (14)
- If you walk in darkness, you will refuse sound judgment. (15-18)
- If you walk in darkness, you will reject the **Father**. (19)
  - Jesus reveals the Father- To know Jesus is to know the Father. (John 5:23)
    - Jesus speaks **from** God. He is the light of the world because he comes from the Father.
    - Jesus speaks **for** God. He is the light of the world because he speaks for the Father.
    - Jesus speaks **as** God. He is the light of the world because he is one with the Father.
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**The Conclusion: The Pharisees Remain in Darkness, Jesus Is Not Arrested (8:20)**

- The hour of Jesus' death had not yet come.
  - Jesus would **enter** the darkness of our sin by his crucifixion.
  - Jesus would **expel** the darkness of death through his resurrection.
  - Jesus would be **exalted** over the darkness as Lord of life through his ascension.
- The hour of **your** death is coming.
  - Follow Christ, and no longer walk in darkness.
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