

Series: Jesus 7 'I AM' Statements

"I AM the Light of the World"

John 8:12

Big Idea – Light and darkness cannot exist in the same space!

1. The whole world is in the darkness of sin and death.

(Proverbs 4:19; Isaiah 5:20, 9:2, 42:16; Colossians 1:13; John 3:19; 1 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:11)

Proverbs 4:19 But the way of the wicked is like total darkness. They have no idea what they are stumbling over.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah 9:2 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

Isaiah 42:16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

John 3:19 And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?

Ephesians 5:11 Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

2. Jesus came to be the Light to a sin-darkened world.

(John 1:5, 7-9; 12:46; 1 John 1:5,6; 1 Peter 2:9; Acts 26:18; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:8)

John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 12:46 I have come as light into the world so that whoever believes in me would not stay in darkness.

1 John 1:5 Here is the message we have heard from Christ and now announce to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:6 So if we say we have fellowship with God, but we continue living in darkness, we are liars and do not follow the truth.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Acts 26:18 to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me.'

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

3. The world hated Jesus and nailed Him to a cross.

(John 17:18; Acts 2:22-23; Matthew 16:21; Matthew 27:22)

John 17:18 "If the world hates you, know that it hated me a long time before it hated you."

Acts 2:22-23 22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--

23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Matthew 16:21 From that time on Jesus began telling his followers that he must go to Jerusalem, where the older Jewish leaders, the leading priests, and the teachers of the law would make him suffer many things. He told them he must be killed and then be raised from the dead on the third day.

Matthew 27:22 Pilate responded, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

4. Christians are supposed to be lights in Jesus' place.

(Romans 13:13; Matthew 5:14-16)

Jesus is the Main Light – believers are to be mini-lights,

Little Jesus's,

Reflecting Jesus like the moon reflects the sun.

Romans 13:13 Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy.

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

5. Man's final destination is the darkness of Hell, or Glory of Heaven.

(Matthew 8:12; 2 Peter 2:4, 17; Matthew 25:30, 41, 46; Revelation 21:23-27)

Hell is a real, eternal place of fire and total darkness!

Heaven is a real eternal place of light and life!

Matthew 8:12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

2 Peter 2:4 When angels sinned, God did not let them go free without punishment. He sent them to hell and put them in caves of darkness where they are being held for judgment.

2 Peter 2:17 These people are as useless as dried-up springs or as mist blown away by the wind. They are doomed to blackest darkness.

Matthew 25:30 ...cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Matthew 25:41 "Then the King will say to those on his left, 'Go away from me. You will be punished. Go into the fire that burns forever that was prepared for the devil and his angels.

46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life."

Revelation 21:23-27 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.

24 The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory.

25 Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there.

26 And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city.

27 Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.