



## Seven Dynamic Declarations from Jesus in John's Gospel

# I Am the Light of the World

## JOHN 8:12 and 9:1-7

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## Deciphering the Dominion of Darkness

### ▲ Darkness speaks of disorder

Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

### ▲ Darkness speaks of devilish deception and dominion

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Psalms 107:10 Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains,<sup>11</sup> for they had rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the Most High.

Acts 26:17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them<sup>18</sup> to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.<sup>1</sup>

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

### ▲ Darkness speaks of disobedience

Ephesians 5:11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

1 John 2:11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

### ▲ Darkness speaks of doom and destruction

Zephaniah 1:15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness,

Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

2 Peter 2:17 These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

Matthew 22:13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

### ▲ Darkness speaks of distance and division from Deity

Exodus 20:21 The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Psalms 18:11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him—the dark rain clouds of the sky.

Hebrews 12:18 You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup> to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup> because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." <sup>21</sup> The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

## Living in the Light of Life

### ▲ Consider the creation of light

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

### ▲ Consider the Christ as light

Matthew 4:16 (from Isaiah 9:2) the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

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Revelation 1:16 His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

**Christ-light (1) incriminates humanity** – John 3:20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

**Christ-light (2) illuminates hope** – 2 Corinthians 4:4 the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**Christ-light (3) inspires hearts** – 2 Corinthians 4:6 God...made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

**Christ-light (4) irradiates heaven** – Revelation 21:23 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.

### ▲ Consider the Christian living in light

1 Thessalonians 5:5 You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

Ephesians 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

**Live (1) in the light of truth** – Ephesians 5:8 Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

**Live (2) as a light of testimony** – Philippians 2:15 children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe

## EXODUS 3:1-14

### ► *The Great I AM Reveals Himself to Moses*

Exodus 3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." 13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

## JOHN 8:54-59

### ► *Jesus Declares Himself To Be the Great I AM*

John 8:54 Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. 55 Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." 57 "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" 58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

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**I am the bread of life**

John 6:35; 6:45

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John 8:12; 9:5

**I am the gate for the sheep**

John 10:7

**I am the good shepherd**

John 10:11; 10:14

**I am the resurrection and the life**

John 11:25

**I am the way and the truth and the life**

John 14:6

**I am the true vine**

John 15:1