



I. JESUS' CLAIM: I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (v.12-20)

1. What this claim means*

- **Jesus is God**

But Moses replied, "When I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' So what can I tell them?" God said, "I am who I am. You must tell them: 'The one who is called I AM has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:13-14 (TEV)

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

1 John 1:5 (NIV)

- **Jesus is Savior**

The LORD is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1 (NLT)

The people who walk in darkness shall see a great Light—a Light that will shine on all those who live in the land of the shadow of death.

For Israel will again be great, filled with joy...

Isaiah 9:2-3 (TLB)

God has rescued us from the power of darkness and has brought us into the kingdom of his Son, whom he loves.

Colossians 1:13 (GOD'S WORD)

- **Jesus is Judge**

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

John 3:19-20 (ESV)

In fact, the Father judges no one, but he has given the Son power to do all the judging

John 5:22 (NCV)

- **Jesus is Life**

The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it...So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.

John 1:3-5,14 (NLT)

But if we live in the light, as God is in the light, we can share fellowship with each other. Then the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin.

1 John 1:7 (NCV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 (NRSV)

2. Why the religious leaders rejected Jesus' claim

- **Protection of their own power**
- **Denial of Jesus' miracles/signs**
- **Ignorance of the Father**

II. JESUS' WARNING: UNLESS YOU BELIEVE IN ME YOU WILL DIE IN YOUR SINS (v.21-30)

A few important "I AM's" in this section:

- 1. I am going where you cannot go (v.21-22)**
- 2. I am not of this world (v.23-24)**
- 3. I am sent from the Father (v.25-27)**
- 4. I am going to be lifted up on a cross (v.28-30)**