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Uncovering the Mystery - Week #5

I AM the Light of the World

John 8:12 (NIV)

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Jesus reveals himself...

1. As the One who OVERCOMES all darkness.

John 1:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

“All the **darkness** in the world cannot extinguish the **light** of a single candle.”

- Francis of Assisi

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

2. As the One who EXPOSES what is hidden.

Luke 8:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.

3. As the One who REVEALS what is true.

- Darkness conceals, light reveals.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

4. As the One who GUIDES the way.

Psalms 18:28 (NIV)

You, LORD, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.

How do we respond?

1. TURN to the Light.
“I am THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...”

John 8:30 (NIV)

³⁰ Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

2. WALK in the Light.

“Whoever FOLLOWS me will never walk in darkness...”

- Jesus is not just a light to see; he’s a light to follow.

1 John 1:5-7 (NIV)

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

John 8:31 (NIV)

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

3. BE TRANSFORMED by the Light

“You will have the light of life.”

- I’m transformed by Jesus when I’m with Jesus, not when I “do” for Jesus.
- I “do” for Jesus when I’m transformed by Jesus.

4. SHINE the Light.

“You are THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...”

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Don’t shine so that others can see you; shine so that through you others can see Jesus.”

- C.S. Lewis

- Live with absolute character and consistency.
- Live attractively.
- Live hopefully.

- Walk in the light of Jesus ourselves.