

Jesus, the Light of the World

Behold and Become

The Light of the World

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

John 8:12 (NLT2)

Knowing Jesus Matters

The Pharisees replied, “You are making those claims about yourself! Such testimony is not valid.”

Jesus told them, “These claims are valid even though I make them about myself. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you don’t know this about me.”

John 8:13-18 (NLT2)

Knowing Jesus

- Jesus came from God the Father in heaven
- Jesus is returning to God the Father in heaven

The Unknown Father

“Where is your father?” they asked. Jesus answered, “Since you don’t know who I am, you don’t know who my Father is. If you knew me, you would also know my Father.”

Jesus made these statements while he was teaching in the section of the Temple known as the Treasury. But he was not arrested, because his time had not yet come.

John 8:19-20 (NLT2)

Knowing Jesus’ Father

- Jesus came from God the Father in heaven
- Jesus is returning to God the Father in heaven

Understanding Sin & Death

Declaration

Later Jesus said to them again, “I am going away. You will search for me but will die in your sin. You cannot come where I am going.” John 8:21 (NLT2)

Separation

Sin

Death

Distance: Earth to Heaven

Believing Jesus is Key

The people asked, “Is he planning to commit suicide? What does he mean, ‘You cannot come where I am going’?”

Jesus continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You belong to this world; I do not. That is why I said that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I AM who I claim to be, you will die in your sins.” John 8:22-24 (NLT2)

Spiritual Understanding

“Who are you?” they demanded. Jesus replied, “The one I have always claimed to be. I have much to say about you and much to condemn, but I won’t. For I say only what I have heard from the one who sent me, and he is completely truthful.”

But they still didn’t understand that he was talking about his Father. John 8:25-27 (NLT2)

Many Believed

So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand that I AM he. I do nothing on my own but say only what the Father taught me. And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him.”

Then many who heard him say these things believed in him. John 8:28-30 (NLT2)

Discovering Truth

- Light reveals reality while pushing back the darkness. Jesus is the light of the world.
- Enlightenment of spiritual truth comes from relationship not scholarship. Jesus is the light of the world.