

**I AM: The Light of the World**  
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**GENESIS 1:1-3 NIV**

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 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. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*

**REVELATION 21:23 NIV**

*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.*

The story of the Bible is one of moving from darkness to light.

**ISAIAH 60:1 NIV**

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."*

**ISAIAH 9:2 NIV**

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*

**JOHN 1:1-5 NIV**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

**EXODUS 13:21 NIV**

*By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.*

**JOHN 8:2-11 NIV**

*At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

### **JOHN 8:12 NIV**

*... "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

### **I AM the Light of the World:**

- Jesus is the Light AHEAD of us.

"Your bodies may live in HOMES, but your hearts need to live in TENTS because I'm still a God who leads with a cloud by day and a fire by night. I invite you to continue following me for the rest of your life!"

### **PSALM 119:105 NKJV**

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

"If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest." – *Corrie ten Boom*

- Jesus is the Light WITHIN us.

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### **2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 NIV**

*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.*

Jesus makes darkness a choice.

“Racism in America is like dust in the air. It seems invisible—even if you’re choking on it—until you let the sun in. Then you see it’s everywhere. As long as we keep shining that light, we have a chance of cleaning it wherever it lands.” – *Kareem Abdul-Jabbar*

### **PSALM 139:23-24 NIV**

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

- Jesus is the Light THROUGH us.

### **MATTHEW 5:14-16 NIV**

*“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

“Always be suspicious of comfort.” – *Chip Judd*

### **MICAH 6:8 NIV**

*... And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

- In what way do I need to follow Jesus' leadership?
- Where do I need to let Jesus' light shine in me?
- How can I let my light shine this week?