

Sermon Series: The Birth of Jesus Christ Sermon Title: Jesus – The Light of the World

Scripture: John 8:12; 1:4-12

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<u>Introduction:</u> The incarnation of Jesus, his birth and life, were the sunrise of salvation for mankind. (Isaiah 9:2; Luke 1:78)

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."" (John 8:12)

1. The Essence of the Light is the person of Jesus Christ.

Scriptures: John 8:12a; John 1:1-4, 9

2. The Need for the Light is evident in mankind's deep darkness.

Scriptures: John 8:12b; 1:5; 3:19-20; 9:39-4; 15:22-25; Proverbs 1:22

3. The Effects of the Light are transformative for followers of Christ.

Scriptures: John 8:12; 12:46 1:9-13; Eph. 5:13-14; 2 Corinthians 4:6; 1 John 1:5-7

- The Light gives UNDERSTANDING (John 1:9; Psalm 119:130)
- The Light gives LIFE. (John 1:4)
- The Light gives SIGHT. (Ephesians 5:13-14)
- The Light SAVES (John 1:12) and SANCTIFIES (John 8:12)

Conclusion: How should we respond to the Light?

- o **Receive** it by faith. (John 1:12)
- Walk in it. (1 John 1:5-7)
- o **Glory** in it. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- 1. Why does Jesus say that He is the "light of the world"?
- 2. Why does the world so desperately NEED the Light?
- 3. What does darkness represent? Why do many persist in darkness?
- 4. Have you experienced the effects of the Light in your life? In what ways?
- 5. How do YOU need to respond to the Light of the World?