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"I am the Light of the World."

What did Jesus mean?

Worship

WITH REV. KEV

Let's light the candle to begin our Worship today.



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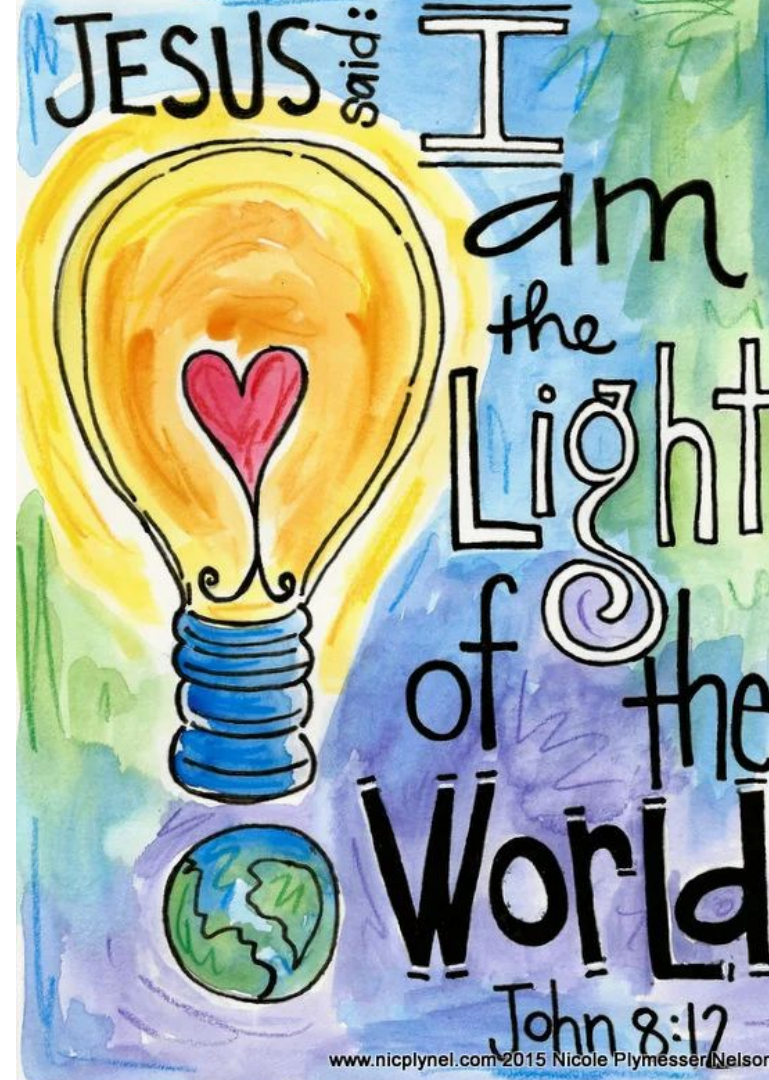
Welcome Words –

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon
us.**

**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise
for ever.**

John 8:12

Jesus spoke to the Pharisees again. "I am the light of the world," he said. "Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness."



verse?

What does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world? What is the darkness that Jesus says we will not know? How can we see Jesus' light today?

Divinity light in darkness - gen 1 - plasticine to mold

Life - eternal life / eternal darkness - Plant in a pot/packet of seeds

Power over sin right way to go - Torch to look out the mess

Hi-viz - shining Christs light - reflecting

How can we see Jesus' light today?

- Recognising Jesus as God
- Wanting to grow in faith -
Baptism and Confirmation
- Praying, worshipping and living
out Jesus' teaching in the Bible



Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your good news to
the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and
believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us,

accept our prayers, and be with us always.

Amen.

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Closing Words –

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be forever**

Amen.