

# "I Am the Light of the World"

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A little bit of **light** brings a lot of **hope**.

*At dawn, Jesus 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, to have a basis for accusing him.*

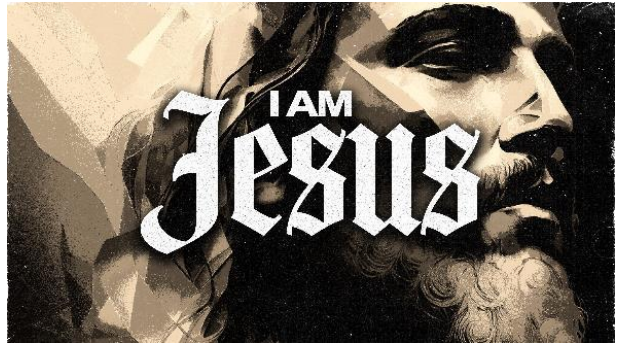
*But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*

*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."*

*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."* **-John 8:2-12**



## 1. The **law** reveals our **guilt**.

Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

**-James 2:10**

## 2. The **love** reveals God's **grace**.

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

**-Luke 6:41-42**

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

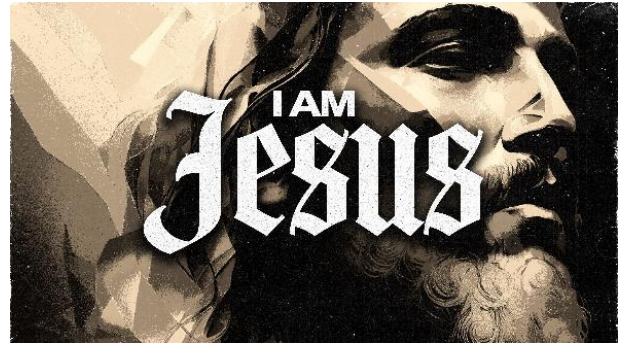
**-Romans 8:1-2**

## 3. The **light** reveals our **hope**.

In [Jesus] was life, and that life was the light of all humanity. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**-John 1:4-5**

## **Discussion questions**



1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why?

2. What does God's grace mean to you and how has it impacted your life?

3. Describe a time when Jesus helped you endure a hopeless situation. How did He reveal hope to you? OR What darkness might you be in the midst of right now? How could Jesus help illuminate your darkness?

4. Read Luke 6:41-42 and Romans 8:1-2. What guilt might Christ be revealing to you? How has he already dealt with your guilt?

5. Read John 8:1-12. How should you and I treat people that sin?

6. What's one thing you will do this week because of something you learned from this message? And how can the group pray for you this week?