

## 2015 “The Jesus Year”

### Who Do You Think You Are??

#### The “I Am” Statements Of Jesus (Part #3)

### “I Am The Light Of The World!”

#### John 7:1-15

After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. <sup>2</sup>But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, <sup>3</sup>Jesus’ brothers said to him, “Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. <sup>4</sup>No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” <sup>5</sup>For even his own brothers did not believe in him. <sup>6</sup>Therefore Jesus told them, “My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. <sup>7</sup>The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup>You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come.” <sup>9</sup>After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee. <sup>10</sup>However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret. <sup>11</sup>Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, “Where is he?” <sup>12</sup>Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, “He is a good man.” Others replied, “No, he deceives the people.” <sup>13</sup>But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders. <sup>14</sup>Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. <sup>15</sup>The Jews there were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having been taught?”

#### John 8:12

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.”

**You Cannot Ignore Light,  
You Will Either Be Drawn Toward It Or  
You Will Run From It!**

## Why Would We Run From The Light?

### \***Because Light Exposes!**

“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.”—**John 3:19-20**

## When We Are Drawn To The Light...

### \***The Light Guides!**

“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”  
—**Psalm 119:105**

### \***The Light Protects!**

The LORD is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?—**Psalm 27:1**

### \***The Light Reveals!**

“People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.”—**Proverbs 28:13**

### \***The Light Transforms!**

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.”—**Ephesians 5:8**

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”—**Matthew 5:14-16**

## This Week’s Verse To Memorize...

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