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7 I AM STATEMENTS OF JESUS
1. I AM the bread of life (John 6:35,48,51)
2. I AM the light of the world (John 8:12)
3. I AM the Door/Gate (John 10:17)
4. I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-14)
5. I AM the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
6. I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)
7. I AM the true vine (John 15:1)

These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. ~ John 8:20 (ESV)

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. ²² The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people. ~ Exodus 13:21-22 (ESV)

Jesus' Statement I Am The Light Of World Makes Clear Four Truths

HIS STATEMENT MAKES A CLEAR...

1. HIS CLAIM TO HIS DEITY

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ~ Genesis 1:1-4 (ESV)

2. THE NATURAL STATE OF MEN AND WOMEN

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ~ Colossians 1:12-14 (ESV)

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ~ Ephesians 4:8 (ESV)

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true). ~ Ephesians 5:8-9 (ESV)

3. WHEN YOU HAVE AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS YOU CAN'T HELP BUT CHANGE

*Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and **suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.** ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ~ Acts 9:3-6 (ESV)*

4. AN INVITATION TO COME AND FOLLOW HIM

Memory Verse

*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 (ESV)

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ~ Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

⁷ And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ~ John 8:7-9 (ESV)

***I have come into the world as light,** so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. ~ John 12:46 (ESV)*

22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ~ Revelations 21:22-24 (ESV)

Next Steps

- Memorize John 8:12
- Sign up for a Connect Group
- Sign up for Water Baptism on June 11th
- Celebrate Mother's Day at NLC on May 14th