

April 7, 2019

"I AM..."

"All That God Promises to Be for You!"

"God replied to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel. I AM has sent Me to you.'" Exodus 3:14

"I AM the Light"

"God Will Bring Brighter Days"

"Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, 'I AM the Light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the Light that leads to life.'" John 8:12

A. "I AM the Light of the world"...

1. Jesus defends the woman caught in adultery.
2. Jesus declares that He is the "I AM" two times.

"...for unless you believe that I AM who I claim to be, you will die in your sins." John 8:24b

"...then you will understand that I AM He." John 8:28b

3. Jesus directs the people to know how to walk in light.
4. Jesus details that walking in light brings eternity with Jesus where walking in darkness brings eternal darkness!

"That is why I said that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I AM who I claim to be, you will die in your sins."

John 8:24

"Then many who heard Him say these things believed in him."

John 8:30

B. Jesus is the Light...

1. Before He created the sun and the moon, He was the Light of all existence! He didn't become the Light, He is the Light!
2. He was the Light; He is the Light; He always will be the Light!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." John 1:5

3. His Light brings awareness of our need.

"I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance." Ephesians 1:18

4. His Light brings hope to the hopeless.

"The LORD is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1a

5. His Light brings direction to each of us.

"The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world." John 1:9

C. Jesus came to be that Light...

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1. Jesus is the only Light for this world!
2. Everyone needs the Light of Jesus.
3. God designed this world for His Light. It illuminates the sin and illuminates beauty to shine even more brilliantly.
4. And one day – Jesus will be the only Light! No more sun...no more moon...only Jesus!

"No longer will you need the sun to shine by day, nor the moon to give its light by night, for the LORD your God will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set; your moon will not go down. For the LORD will be your everlasting light...." Isaiah 60:19-20

"And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light." Revelation 21:23

"And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever." Revelation 22:5

D. What do we do with this Light?

1. We begin by receiving the Light!

"I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in Me will no longer remain in the dark." John 12:46

2. We continue by walking in the Light!

"Jesus replied, 'My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you.

Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light.'" John 12:35-36

"This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in Him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin."

1 John 1:5-7

3. We continue by being the light!

"For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!" Ephesians 5:8

4. Then, we let our light shine!

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 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. 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

Next Week: April 14:

"I Am the Way, the Truth, the Life"

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.'" John 14:6

"God Will Guide Your Days!"