



Antelope Christian Center

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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

* READ: Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, **“Let there be light”**; and there was light. Genesis 1:1

READ: John 1:1-5

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought **light** to everyone. The **light** shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

READ: Matthew 5:14–16

“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.

APOSTLE PAUL SEES THE LIGHT

Saul’s personal mission was to arrest and convict anyone associated with following Christ. With letters of authorization from the high priest in hand, this zealous, strict Pharisees was on the road to Damascus when his world abruptly fell apart.

READ: Acts 9:1-9

Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. Saul fell to the ground and the Lord announced, *“I am Jesus, whom your persecuting.”*

Meanwhile, the Lord visits Ananias to reveal the incredible change that just happened to Saul.

READ: Acts 9:10-16

Jesus said to Ananias, *“Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to all the people of Israel.”* Acts 9:15

SHINE BRIGHTLY FOR CHRIST

READ: Philippians 2:12–15

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

Devotional Studies for Passion Week

7 declarations from Christ: “I AM”

“I AM the Bread of life” (6:35, 41, 48, 51)

“I AM the Light of the world” (8:12)

“I AM the Door of the sheep” (10:7, 9)

“I AM the Good Shepherd” (10:11, 14)

“I AM the Resurrection and the Life” (11:25)

“I AM the Way, the Truth, the Life” (14:6)

“I AM the true Vine” (15:1, 5)

7 sayings of Christ from the cross

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23:34

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43

Woman, here is your son. John 19:26-27

Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani? Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34, Psalms 22:1

I am thirsty. John 19:28

It is finished. John 19:30

Father, into your hands I commit my spirit. Luke 23:46. Psalms 31:5

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