



Then & Now, I AM

The Light of the World

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Because Jesus is the Light of the World, I am a light in the world.

John 9:1-11 - Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

- “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”
- “He was blind, and he’s been blind since birth, so that one day God could display His power in this man’s life.”
- Sometimes tragedy and suffering comes to us so that the work of God might be displayed in our lives.
- Jesus combines dirt and spit into mud, sticks it on the blind man’s eyes, and says to find his way to the “Pool of Siloam” and wash it off. Siloam actually means “sent”.
- Through his suffering, he becomes a “sent one,” and God uses him to speak to those who were truly in darkness - the Pharisees who weren’t physically blind, but spiritually blind.

We are the Light of the World

1. As we shine God’s light through the darkness of our own experiences.
2. As we do the work of God in a dark world, telling others about Him.

Shine your light for all to see this Christmas:

- Catalina Village on December 23rd, shine God’s light among its residents by having conversations with those you meet, and reflect God’s light onto them.
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24th, invite those you know to join you who aren’t a part of a faith community and need God’s light to shine in their lives.

What can you do about a world filled with darkness?

- Be a light, because through Christ, you are the light of the world!
- There are people around you who are watching you.
 - They are watching your life.
 - They are watching how you handle the experiences of your life that come your way.
 - Will you be a wounded healer for them?