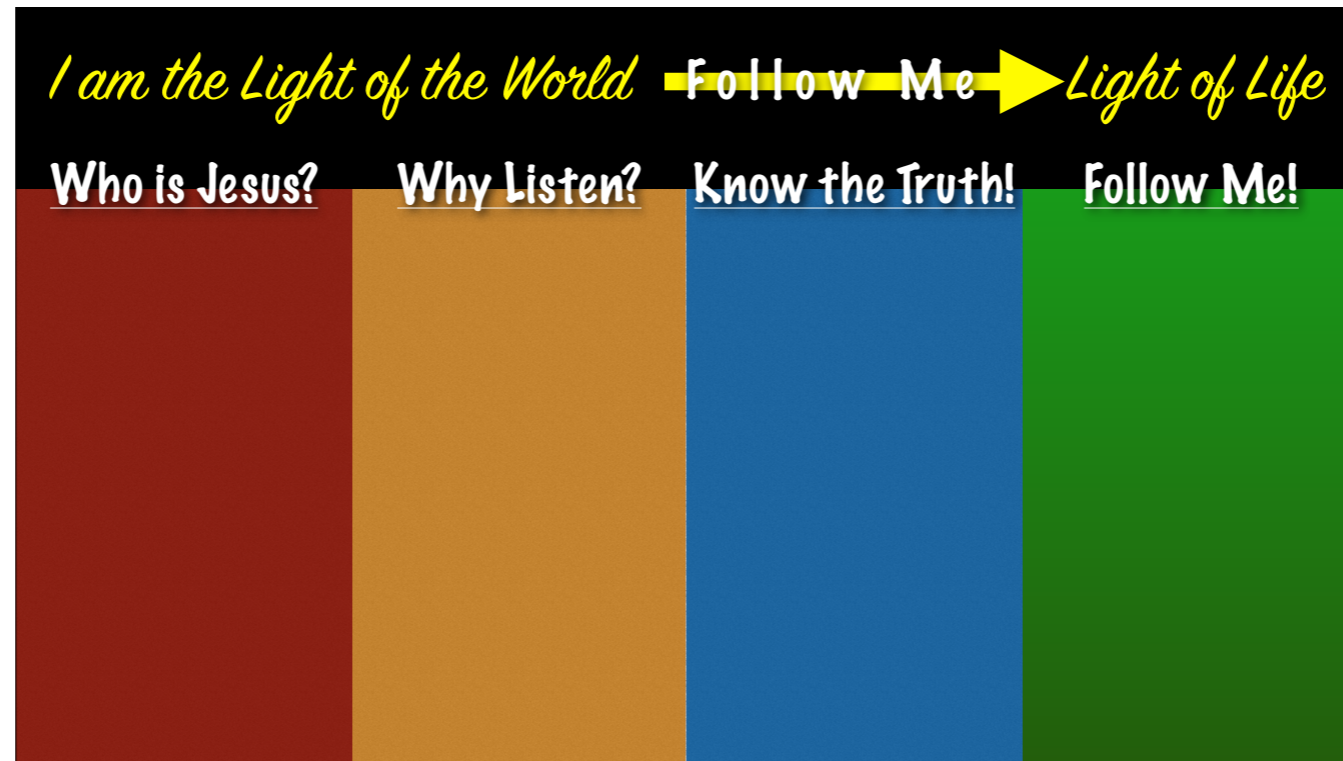




- John 8:12-59

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- I am the light of the world
- Follow me
- Light of life



- Read John 8:12-52
- Listen for these four things
  - Who is Jesus?
  - Why Listen to Jesus?
  - Through Jesus, you can know the truth.
  - Why should I follow Jesus?

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**Who is Jesus?**

- Who is Jesus?

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## Who is Jesus?

Who are you?

Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?

Who do you make yourself out to be?



- vs. 25: Who are you?
- vs. 48: Samaritan and have a demon
- vs. 53: Who do you make yourself out to be?

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## Who is Jesus?



- Who is Jesus?
  - Jews struggle because they think they know him, his family.
  - In spite of the miracles they had seen (amazed)
  - In spite of the teaching they heard (amazed)
- Who is Jesus? Really?
  - In so many ways, he doesn't fit into their view of the world.
- vs. 25: Who are you?

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**Who is Jesus?**

**I am the light  
of the world.**



- vs. 12: "I am the light of the world."
- Who says things like that?
  - sounds arrogant
  - sounds deluded
- More: follow me have light of life.

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**Who is Jesus?**

**I know where I came from  
and where I am going**



- vs. 14: I know where I came from and where I am going
  - You don't know...
    - from: assumption that he is son of Joseph and Mary, nothing more.
    - going to: human life... death; nothing different than other people.



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Who is Jesus?

above

not of this world

God

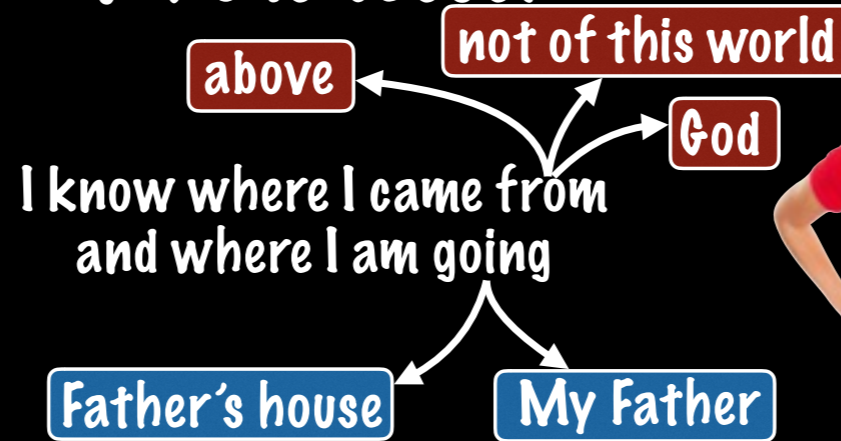
I know where I came from  
and where I am going



- From:
  - vs. 23: “I am from **above** ... I am **not of this world**”
  - vs. 42: “I came from **God** ... He sent me”

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## Who is Jesus?



- Going
  - vs. 21: "I am going away ... where I am going, you cannot come"
  - John 14:2: In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
  - John 14:4: And you know the way to where I am going."
  - John 14:6: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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## Who is Jesus?

When you have lifted up  
the Son of Man, then you  
will know that I am



- vs. 28 So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he
- Lifted Up
  - John 3:14-15: 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
  - John 12:32: And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

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## Who is Jesus?

When you have lifted up  
the **Son of Man** then you  
will know that I am

**humanity**



- Son of Man
  - speaks of his humanity, identification

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## Who is Jesus?

When you have lifted up  
the **Son of Man** then you  
will know that **I am**  
humanity deity



- I am
  - he: added by translators... more in a minute
  - deity

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## Who is Jesus?

Are we not right in saying  
that you are a Samaritan  
and have a demon?



- vs. 48: The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?”
- Samaritan
  - Know Jesus is from Nazareth in Galilee
  - Samaritans held in low regard... so Galilee
  - Nathanael: “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

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## Who is Jesus?

Are we not right in saying  
that you are a Samaritan  
and have a demon?



- Demon
  - This is a repeated attack against Jesus
  - Not just that his teaching is wrong, but that it is from the Devil

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## Who is Jesus?

“Truly, truly, I say to you,  
before Abraham was, I am.”

deity



- vs.58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”
- Exodus 3:14: God said to Moses, “ I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘ I am has sent me to you. ’”
- Are you greater than Abraham? Prophets?
  - YES!



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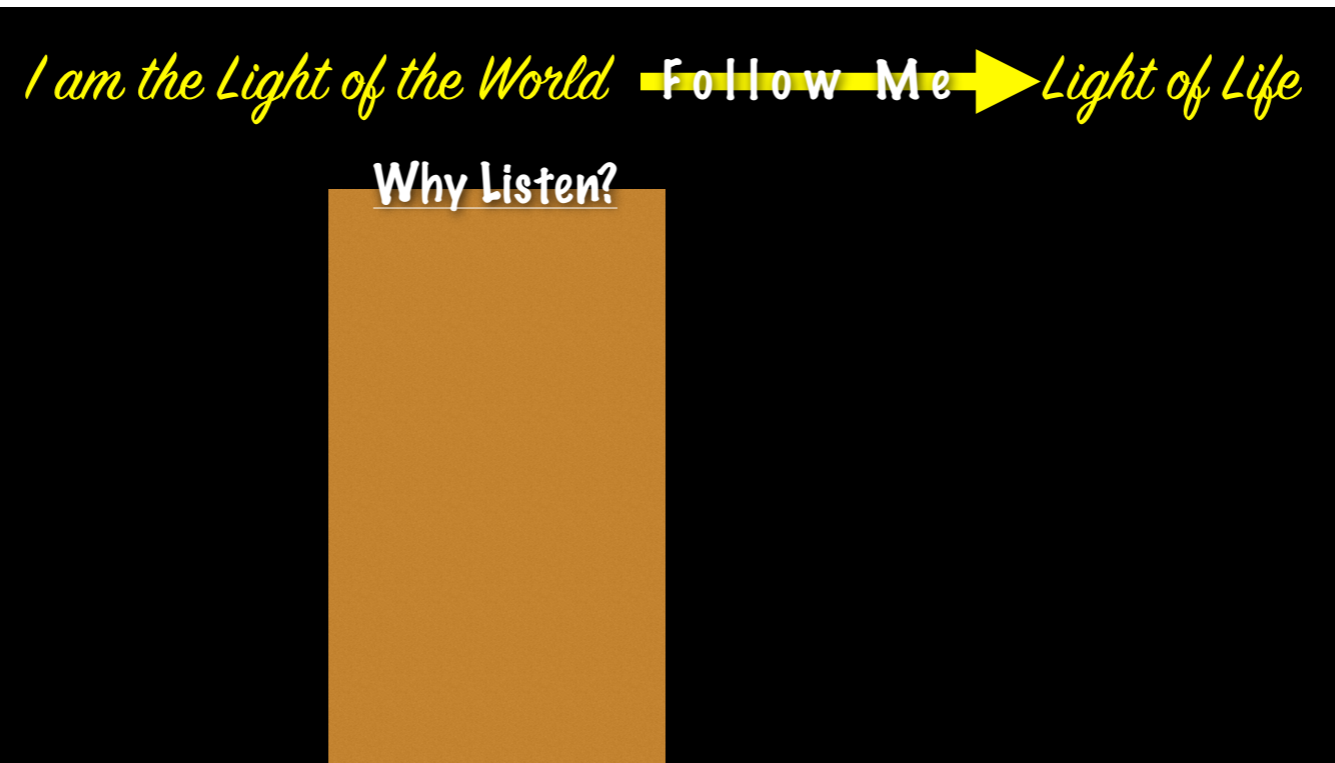
**Who is Jesus?**

Son of Man

came from God

I Am

- Son of Man
- Came from God
- I Am



- Why should we listen to Jesus?

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## Why Listen to Jesus?



- How do we know that we can trust what Jesus is saying?
- vs. 13: Bear witness of yourself... not true.
- Three answers...

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## Why Listen to Jesus?



Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going

- vs. 14 Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going,
- True
- I know who I am (already seen!)

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## Why Listen to Jesus?



You judge according to the flesh

- vs. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.
- Essentially saying that their judgment is flawed
  - So their objection to Jesus' testimony is invalid.
- Why?
  - They failed to understand who Jesus is
  - They failed to understand the true nature of Jesus' teaching
    - Flesh vs. Spiritual
    - Temporal vs. Eternal

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## Why Listen to Jesus?



**My judgment is true ...  
I am the one who bears witness  
about myself, and the Father who  
sent me bears witness about me."**

- vs. 16: Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true
- vs. 17: In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true.

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## Why Listen to Jesus?



**My judgment is true ...  
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- vs. 18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."
- Jesus had already had this discussion with them.
  - John 5:31: If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.
  - John (vs. 33)
  - Works (vs. 36), greater than John
  - Scriptures (vs. 39)

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### Why Listen?

I know who I am &  
where I am from

Your judgment  
is flawed

Testimony:  
Works & Scripture

- Why Listen to Jesus?
  - Because of who He is... Son, Deity
  - Because the Father demonstrates through witnesses that what Jesus is teaching is true!



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Know the Truth!

- How can we know what is true?

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Know the Truth



- Jesus assures us that we can know the truth

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## Know the Truth

Heard

Taught

Seen



- Jesus makes it clear that what He is saying and teaching is from God, the Father.
- vs. 26: Heard from Him (the Father)
- vs. 28: Father taught me
- vs. 38: Seen with my Father

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## Know the Truth

Heard → Declare

Taught → Speak

Seen → Speak



- Jesus makes it clear that He is saying is precisely what God wants Him to say.
- vs. 26: I declare to the WORLD
- vs. 28: Speak just as the Father taught me
- vs. 38: Speak of what seen with my Father

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## Know the Truth

If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.



- vs. 31-32: So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- Abide: Remain, continue; don’t depart
- Know the Truth: from God
- Free!

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## Know the Truth

Heard → Declare

Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

Seen → Speak



- vs. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”
- Keep: attend carefully; observe
- Never see death

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**Know the Truth!**

Heard → Declare

Taught → Speak

Seen → Speak

- We can know the truth!
- Jesus heard, taught, and seen with Father.
- Spoke it to us.
- No longer doubt, question, debate.

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**Follow Me!**

- Follow Me!



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**Follow Jesus!**

- What does it mean to truly follow Jesus?

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**Follow Jesus!**

**Hear the Word**

- Hear the Word
  - 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.

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- Believe
  - 30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

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**Follow Jesus!**

Hear the Word

Believe

Love Jesus

- Love Jesus
  - 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

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**Follow Jesus!**

**Hear the Word**

**Believe**

**Love Jesus**

**Abide in Jesus' Word**

- Abide
  - 31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,

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**Follow Jesus!**

**Hear the Word**

**Believe**

**Love Jesus**

**Abide in Jesus' Word**

**Disciple**

- Be Disciples
  - 31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,

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## Follow Jesus!

Hear the Word

**Be Free**

Believe

Love Jesus

Abide in Jesus' Word

Disciple

- Be Free
  - 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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## Follow Jesus!

Hear the Word

Be Free

Believe

Never see  
death

Love Jesus

Abide in Jesus' Word

Disciple

- Never See Death
  - 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”



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**Follow Me!**

Hears Word

Believe

Love me

Know truth

Abide in my Word

Free

Disciples

Never see Death

- Jesus' invitation is to follow Him.
- Choices: Light of life or...
  - walk in darkness
  - die in sin



- Jesus is the Son of Man, come from God, the I Am
- You should listen to Him, because his message is from God.
- You can know the truth
- Follow Jesus for life!

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**Will you follow  
Jesus today?**



- Will you follow Jesus today?

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**



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			Abide in my Word
			Free
			Disciples
			Never see Death

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## The Light of Life

John 8:12-59

Synopsis: Many of the Jews questioned Jesus closely when he made the statement that He is the light of the world. As they question and Jesus answers, I find four threads that run throughout the conversation that are vital for us to understand if we long for eternal life. First, understanding who Jesus is: the son of God and I am; second, why should I listen to Jesus; third, we can know the truth; fourth, what it means to follow Jesus.

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