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8:12**



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JOHN 7:2

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Exodus 17:1–7
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Light ceremony

John 8

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Exodus 13:21



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“I am the light of the world” – a claim of deity

¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, “Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.”

¹⁹ Then they asked him, “Where is your father?”

“You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

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I am the light of the **world**

World – oikoumené

World - kosmos

Luke 2:1

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the **world** should be taxed.

John 8:12

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World(Oikoumené)

1. land, i.e. the (earthly part of the) globe
2. (specially) the Roman empire

John 8:12

World(kosmos)

the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race

II. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,

-Follow

- (akoloutheō) pictures more than walking behind someone; it denotes a deliberate, whole-person response of attachment, obedience, and ongoing companionship. In the New Testament it serves as the primary verb for discipleship, encapsulating the life of one who hears Christ's call, abandons competing allegiances, and continues in loyal fellowship with Him. (Source: <https://biblehub.com/greek/190.htm>)

-Darkness

- secrecy or concealment, moral evil, sin

John 1

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When Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world," He was declaring that **He is the only One** who can rescue sinners from the darkness of sin and bring them into the life of God. The Light is not merely a guide—it is God's saving presence in the person of Jesus Christ.

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