The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus "I Am the Light of the World"

(John 8:12)

Introduction: 1. Throughout Scripture, "light" and "darkness" are used symbolically to represent righteousness. and we still use this imagery today.

- a. (Colossians 1:13) power of darkness.
- b. (1 John 1:7) walk in the light.
- 2. Such imagery is not a stretch for us for we still use this imagery today.
 - a. Star Wars The "Dark Side."
- 3. If we are to recognize "light" as righteousness and holiness, it is no wonder that Jesus claimed to be the Light of the World.
- 4. Jesus was the personification of truth and righteousness (John 1:1,14).
- 5. Not only does light represent righteousness, it also illuminates.
- 6. In this lesson, let's take note of some of the things Jesus illuminated for us.

I. Jesus Illuminated God's Holiness

- A. (John 1:1,14).
- B. In the person of Jesus, God takes shape, rather than being a nebulous concept.
- C. While there is certainly much about God that is a mystery, Jesus illuminated his nature and character to us.
- D. (Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:3).
- E. Jesus said, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father" (John 14:9).

II. Jesus Illuminated Man's Depravity

- A. Jesus never sinned (Hebrews 4:15).
- B. (John 3:19-21).
- C. The holiness of Jesus is a reminder of how badly we fall short of God's glory.

III. Jesus Illuminated Life After Death

- A. (Job 14:14).
- B. (Luke 16:19-31).
- C. His illumination allows us to make a responsible decision as to how we choose to live our lives.

IV. Jesus Illuminated the Way of Salvation

- A. (John 8:32).
- B. (John 14:6).
- C. Following Jesus will lead you to eternal life in Heaven.
- Conclusion: 1. Don't grope in darkness when Jesus, the light of the World is illuminating a path to everlasting life.