PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

The Seven "I AM" Sayings of Jesus

Today's Message:

"I Am the Light of the World"

Scripture: St. John 8:1-12 (Common English Bible)

1 And Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Early in the morning he re-
turned to the temple. All the people gathered around him, and he sat
down and taught them. 3 The legal experts and Pharisees brought a
woman caught in adultery. Placing her in the center of the group, 4 they
said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of committing
adultery. 5 In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone women like this.
What do you say?" 6 They said this to test him, because they wanted a
reason to bring an accusation against him. Jesus bent down and wrote
on the ground with his finger.

7 They continued to question him, so he stood up and replied, "Whoever
hasn't sinned should throw the first stone." 8 Bending down again, he
wrote on the ground. 9 Those who heard him went away, one by one,
beginning with the elders. Finally, only Jesus and the woman were left in
the middle of the crowd.

10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Is there no
one to condemn you?"

11 She said, "No one, sir."

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, don't sin
anymore."

12 Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of
life."

~ SERMON NOTES ~

Jesus is the one, spiritually speaking, that we can say "brought the lights!" Jesus declares: "I am the light of the world." On that first Palm Sunday as crowds of people lined the road as Jesus rode into Jerusalem, they certainly saw him as a barrier of "light" in a very dark, oppressive land. What might it mean to imagine Jesus as the bringer of the light for us today?

1. Jesus is the _____.

There is hope for this world. We do not have to give in to the forces of darkness in this world. Light has penetrated the darkness. He is what the world has been seeking!

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2. Jesus is the _____.

Christ is the One who can bring light into your life and mine. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

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