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*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

Light is an enduring mystery for even the most extensively educated physicists. Light is both a wave and a particle, and only a tiny portion of its spectrum is visible to the human eye. It can carry information for radio and TV while destroying the genetic information within our cells. It bends around buildings and squeezes through tiny openings, yet ricochets off microscopic electrons.

Perhaps the most mysterious quality of light is that it cannot co-exist with darkness. Light erases darkness, fills darkness, and eradicates darkness. To plunge an illuminated area back into darkness, the source of light must be interrupted. A candle burning uses oxygen to sustain its flame, therefore, covering the candle with a non-porous container will snuff the flame. Disconnecting a light bulb from its electrical source through the flip of a switch will interrupt the circuit and light will cease. Even closing a door will allow a single room in a building to become dark.

Light is transformative, illuminating a pitch-black room and exposing whatever resides within. Light is gentle in its pervasiveness; things don't explode or fall apart as light falls onto them. Light travels--faster than anything known to man. It is contagious, and cannot be hidden.

This is what Jesus is to the world, transformative and gentle. He invites us to share that light with the world! We may inhabit only a small area, but with His power, grace, mercy and love, we can share the good news of the gospel to everyone we come into contact with.

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-17*