



# THE VOICE OF SAINT MARK

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Episode:

## I am the Light of the World

*Gospel of John 12:35–50 | Paschal Season*

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### Episode Presentation

Welcome to *The Voice of Saint Mark*

Throughout the Paschal season, the Lord reveals himself to us under the great “I AM” of the Gospel of John — that divine Name given to Moses in the burning bush, now spoken in the fullness of time by the incarnate Word.

In this passage from John 12, as his public ministry draws to a close, Jesus addresses the crowd one final time before the Passion. His words are an urgent call: “Walk while you have the light.”

Yet the crowd hesitates. The authorities believe, but in secret, for “they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” This tension between hidden faith and open confession is at the heart of our episode.

Christ then declares openly what he has come to do: not to judge, but to save. Not to condemn the darkness, but to be the Light that scatters it. And the commandment he brings from the Father — this very word — is eternal life.

**Let us now hear the Holy Gospel.**

### Gospel of John 12:35–50

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**35** Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.

**36** While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said this, he departed and hid himself from them.

**37** Though he had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him;

**38** it was that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

**39** Therefore they could not believe. For Isaiah again said,

**40** “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.”

**41** Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

**42** Nevertheless many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

**43** for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

**44** And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.

**45** And he who sees me sees him who sent me.

**46** I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

**47** If any one hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

**48** He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day.

**49** For I have not spoken on my own authority; the Father who sent me has himself given me commandment what to say and what to speak.

**50** And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has bidden me.”

## Homily

*✠ In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, Amen. ✠*

*[Homily to be inserted here.]*

*✠ To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. ✠*