

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(“You are the light of the world.”)

(Matthew 5: 14)

Jesus says to his disciples in his sermon on The Mount: “You are the light of the world.” Jesus himself is the light that has come into this world, the light that enables us to see truly, to grasp what is important and to live a way in harmony with the Will of God. But what about us? Where does our light shine? How does our light shine? What is my light? Your light? Well, it could be a variety of things.

Your faithfulness—in your marriage, your family, and your relationships—may be your light.

Your forgiveness—in your interactions, your responsibilities and your work environment—may be your light.

Your compassion—for those on the margins, the forgotten, the overlooked, the unborn, the innocent.

Your work to create a world where justice is real, for all people—may be your light.

Your hope—to a friend, an old person, a young person—may be your light.

Your sacrifices—for your children, your relatives, your neighbors—may be your light.

Your selflessness—in doing without, in offering up, in praying for those hurting or in need.

Your willingness to listen to another pour out their heart or soul or worries or concerns—may be your light.

Jesus sees what we do not see. Jesus sees in us what we do not always see in ourselves. Our task is to listen for his word to us and allow ourselves to be guided by the word that we hear. Can we each choose to do this and live this way? That is the question of the week.