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*The Last Gospel, cont'd.*

"That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world" (John 1:9). St. John the Baptist was not the light, but he came to give testimony to the true light. The true light is, of course, the Son of the Eternal Father. He was always present in the world through His creative power, as He even now continues to be present to all creation. At the fullness of time, He became visible among us to bring us the light since we were in the darkness of sin. He is the way out of sin and slavery, but He is not going to force Himself upon us. He lights up our path to Him, and we must follow it.

The next few lines in the Prologue really should shake us up. "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1: 10-11). He is the light of the world and proved it by His miracles and teaching, yet people still refused Him. He loved them even to the point of dying for them, but they still refused Him. Even to our day, people still refuse Him. In fact, every time we sin, we refuse the light. Many prefer their mediocrity to the light of God. Let us not be like them. Let us pray and follow our Savior. Let us strive to change our lives and live in the light of grace.

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