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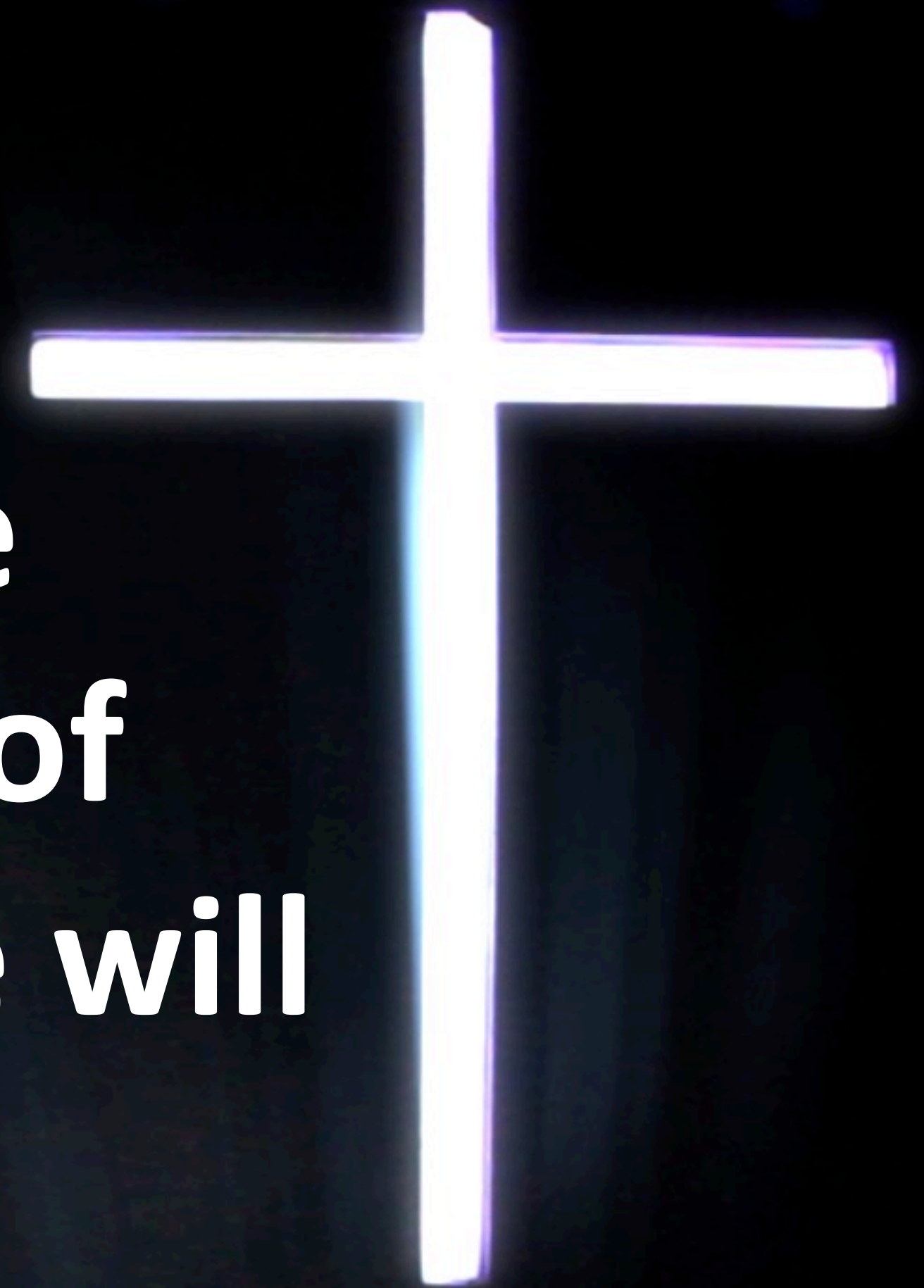
OF THE WORLD

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John 8:12

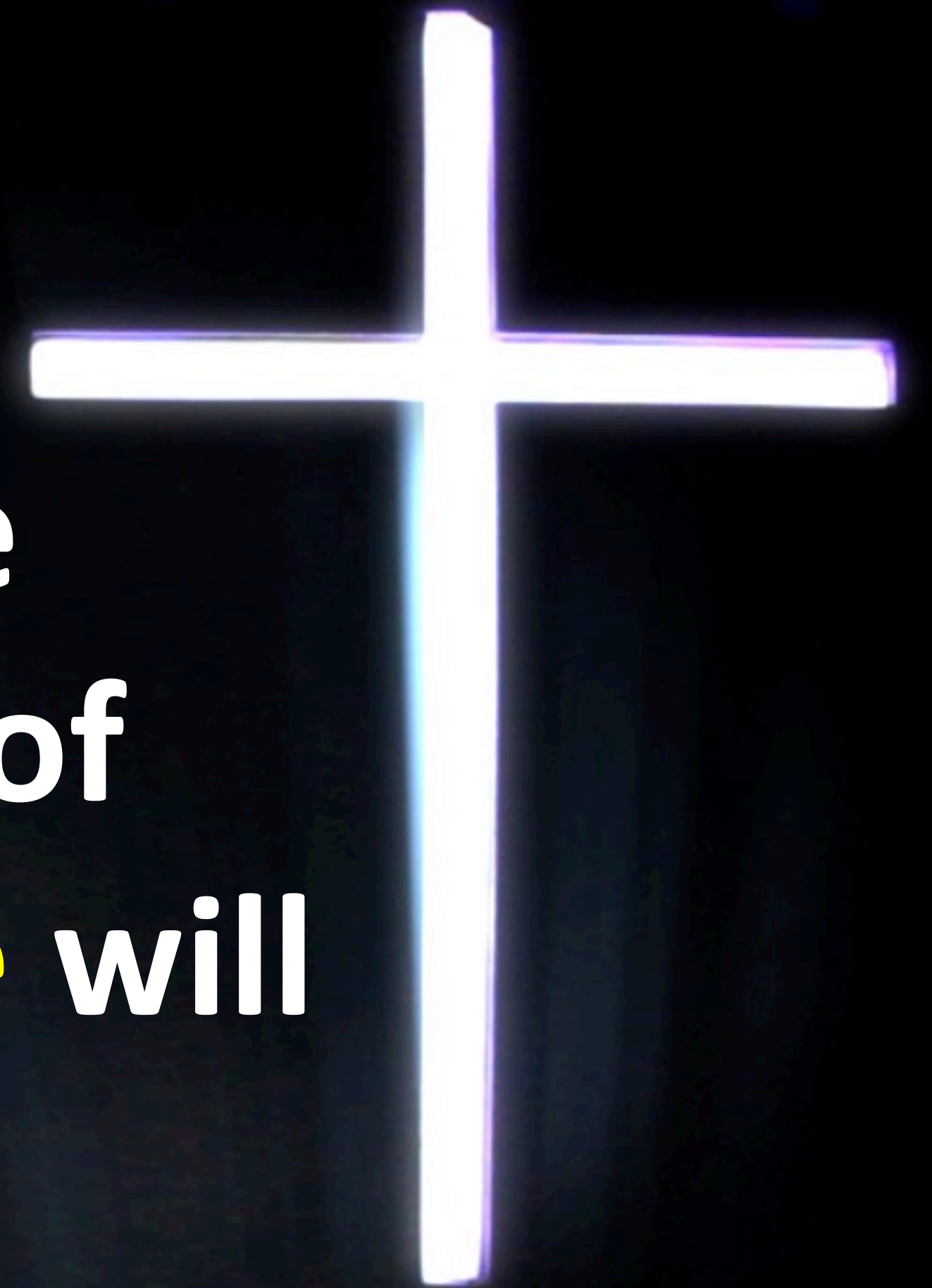


Light that brings hope.
Light that brings love.
Light that brings peace.
Light that brings life.
Light that brings good news.
Light that brings **joy!**



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**“When they saw the star, they were
filled with joy!”**

Matthew 2:10 NLT



The joy comes in the following, not just in the destination.



How do we “follow” in a way that brings joy?



We want to follow Jesus:



We want to follow Jesus:

Like the wise men followed the
star, expectantly.



We want to follow Jesus:

Like soldiers follow their
commander, _____.



We want to follow Jesus:
Like soldiers follow their
commander, obediently.



“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him”

Matthew 1:24



We want to follow Jesus:

Like servants follow their master,

_____.



We want to follow Jesus:

Like servants follow their master,
submissively.



“I am the Lord’s **servant**,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.”

Luke 1:38



We want to follow Jesus:

Like disciples follow their Lord,

_____.



We want to follow Jesus:

Like disciples follow their Lord,

faithfully.



In order to follow Jesus as Lord, we
need to:



In order to follow Jesus as Lord, we need to:

Recognize and surrender to His sovereignty.



**Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.**



“He came to that which was his own, but his own did not **receive** him. Yet to all who did **receive** him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:11-12



In order to follow Jesus as Lord, we need to:

Receive and believe in His authority.



In order to follow Jesus as Lord, we need to:

Listen to, trust and do what He says.



In order to follow Jesus as Lord, we need to:

Do what He did; love how he loved.



The closer we follow Jesus, the more we will experience His joy.

