



QA: Why Aren't Christians More "Worldly-Wise"? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: Why aren't Christians more "worldly-wise"?

ANSWER: Because they follow Jesus who said:

"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (**John 8:12**)

and

"He who walks in darkness does not know where he is going."
(**John 12:35**)

1. He is The Gospel Light:

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. (**Isaiah 60:1-3**)

This prophecy has nothing whatever to do with a "solar eclipse!" The prophesied "darkness" would "cover the earth," but a "solar eclipse" only darkens a narrow path on the earth! This prophecy is about "Gentiles" coming to the light, which points to the New Testament Gospel of Christ. Gospel "light" is that:

Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel. (**Ephesians 3:6**)

2. There was a World-Wide Eclipse:

"And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight." (**Amos 8:9**)

God predicted a "solar eclipse." The sun going down "at noon," the earth darkened "in broad daylight" would be a clear sign to show people their sins.

Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. ... Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. (**Mark 15:25, 33**)

A three-hour eclipse was a miraculous "sign." "Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two" (Luke 23:45). **The darkest three hours in human history were when God's only begotten Son was rejected by sinful mankind.** Now, as then, Jesus is "the light of the world" (John 8:12).

3. **This is No Natural Sign:** There is a difference between "natural" happenings and "miraculous" events.

Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD."
(Exodus 10:1-2)

God's miracles stand out as "signs," because there is nothing on earth like them! The ninth plague in Egypt was a "darkness which may even be felt" and lasted "for three days" (**Exodus 10:21, 23**). A regular "solar eclipse," which is predictable and natural, is not a "sign" or a "miracle!"

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