

Jesus is the Light of the World

John 8:12

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Introduction:

1. “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12).
2. Christ makes a bold statement that “sticks in the craw” of the Jews.
3. What did Jesus mean when He said, “I am the light of the world”?

Discussion:

I. I Am – The **Proclamation** of Christ.

A. There is an exclusive nature to this statement.

1. There is only one savior
 - a. Acts 2:36
 - b. Acts 3:11-15
 - c. Acts 4:12
 - d. John 1:29
2. There is but one son (Matt. 17:3-5).
3. There is but one sinless son (Heb. 4:15).

B. There is an inclusive nature of this statement.

1. Christ proclaims this light is for the world.
2. Acts 1:8

II. The Light – The **Presence** of God.

A. “Light was considered as an accompaniment of the presence of God. Moses saw the burning bush in Horeb. When he returned from the presence of the Lord on Sinai his face was shining with heavenly radiance. The pillar of fire that lighted Israel on their journey was the emblem of the presence of God. Now Christ, in the presence of both friends and foe, makes a more stupendous claim and affirms that ‘I am the light of the world,’ not to the Jews only, but to all nations that will embrace his claims” (David Lipscomb, The Gospel According to John, pp.123,124).

B. The Jews were outraged that Christ would make this association, but they were well aware light and its association to God.

III. Light **Performs** many tasks.

A. Gives direction.

1. Psa. 119:105.
2. Psa. 119:130
3. Prov. 6:23
4. 2 Pet. 1:19

B. Provides Comfort.

1. 1 Thess. 4:13-18
2. John 14:1
3. John 16:33

- C. Sustains Life.
 - 1. Psa. 119:103
 - 2. Jer. 15:16
 - 3. 1 Pet. 2:2
 - 4. 2 Pet. 1:5-10

IV. This Light is **Prominent** – “I am the light of the World”.

- A. 2 Pet. 3:9
- B. John 3:16
- C. Mark 16:15,16
- D. 1 Tim. 2:4

V. This Light **Promotes** life. – “...But shall have the light of life” (Jn. 8:12).

- A. John 5:24
- B. John 10:10
- C. Phil. 1:21
- D. I John 3:14

Conclusion:

1. Christ is the light of the world.
2. Will you be drawn by the light or darkness?
3. “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins” (Col. 1:13,14).