

“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!”

(John 8:12-32)

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN’S GOSPEL

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A. Christ’s Conversation with the Pharisees (8:12-59)

1. Jesus’ announcement that He is “*the Light of the world*” is emphatic in the Greek; like the other six “_____” statements in John it is a declaration of His _____. (v. 12a, cf. Ex. 3:13-14)
2. Light is _____ a natural condition of man, and Christ makes it clear that the only alternative to _____ is _____, with no middle ground. (v. 12b, Gen. 1:3, 16-18)
3. The Pharisees do not address His claim as the Light, but they took a _____ approach; by Hebrew, Greek, and Roman law self-testimony was _____ regarded as _____. (v. 13, cf., Deut. 17:6; 19:15)
4. Christ stated that they knew nothing of His _____, nothing of His _____, and nothing of His _____; unfortunately their ignorance would not deter their dogmatic opinions. (v. 14)
5. The Lord was not saying that He was incapable of judging, but that this was not the _____ of His coming, it was to _____ and to _____ that which was lost. (vv. 15-18, cf. John 3:17; Luke 19:10)

* Since the resurrection, all judgment has been placed in the Son’s hands. (John 5:22; Matt. 25:31-46; Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15)

6. In v. 20 John gives us personal commentary, informing us that Christ was not arrested because His enemies lacked the perfect opportunity, but rather, it was because His Father sovereignly _____ Him until it was _____. (vv. 19-20, cf. John 2:4; 7:6, 30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 17:1)

7. This section (vv. 21-23) introduces the theme of the _____ of Jesus and His opponents; He will return to His Father, and they will die in their _____.

8. Christ told them bluntly that the only way to avoid their fate of _____ in their _____ was to believe on _____, as the Great I Am. (v. 24)

* If all sin was paid for at the cross, how could these Pharisees die in their sins?

9. From these verses (vv. 25-27) it is apparent that the Pharisees' problem _____ that they lacked enough information, it was really a "heart issue," they _____ to believe the message Jesus had already been teaching.

10. From John 12:32-33 it is clear that when Christ said, "*when you lift up the Son of Man*" He was referring to _____ and _____. (vv. 28-29, cf. John 3:14; 12:23; 13:30-31; 17:1)

11. Out of this public conversation we are told that "*many _____ (aor./act./indic.) in Him*" and to those who had "*_____ (perf./act./indic.)*" He said, "*If you _____ in My Word, you are My disciples indeed.*" (vv. 30-32)

* What can you personally apply from this passage?