John 8:30 "Even as He spoke, many put their faith in Him."

# How can we apply this lesson to our life?

#### A. Stay away from the path of evil.

**John 12:46** "I have come into this world as light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

**Proverbs 4:14** "Do not set your foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men. [15] Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way."

**I John 1:6** "If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth."

**I John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

#### B. Stay close to the Lord and live as children of light.

**Ephesians 5:8** "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light."

**Ephesians 5:9** "For the fruit of light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth."

**Ephesians 5:10** "And find out what pleases the Lord. [11] Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."

#### C. Share the Light of the world with others.

**Matthew 5:16** "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

**Matthew 28:19** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- 1. We should pray for <u>boldness</u> to share the gospel Eph. 6:19-20.
- 2. We should pray for <u>open doors</u> to share the gospel Col. 4:3.
- 3. We should pray for <u>clarity</u> as we share the gospel Col. 4:4.

# "I AM the Light of the World!" John 8:12-30 Lesson #3 3/30/25

- **John 3:9** "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men love darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil."
- **John 8:2** "At dawn He appeared again in the Temple courts, where all the people gathered around Him, and He sat down to teach them."
- **John 8:5** "In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"
- **John 8:6** "They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with His finger."
- **John 8:7** "When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."
- John 8:8 "Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground."
- **John 8:9** "At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there."
- **John 8:10** "Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"
- **John 8:11** "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go, now and leave your life of sin."

# I. Jesus <u>declared</u> His message.

#### A. Jesus is the <u>light</u> of the world.

- **John 8:12a** "When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world ...."
- **John 8:12b** "... I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- John 9:5 "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
- **Luke 2:30** "My eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>[31]</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all people Israel. <sup>[33]</sup> A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Acts 9:3 "As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him."

**I John 1:5** "This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all."

#### B. Believers <u>live</u> as followers of Jesus.

**John 8:12c** "... Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

### II. Jesus <u>defended</u> His message.

#### A. The Pharisees rejected the message of Jesus.

**John 8:13** "The Pharisees challenged Him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

#### B. Jesus <u>refuted</u> the words of the Pharisees.

**John 8:14** "Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going."

**John 1:9** "The true Light that gives light to every man was coming into the world."

**John 1:14** "And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and TRUTH."

**Revelation 19:11** "Now I saw heaven standing open, and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war."

#### 1. Their judgments are imperfect.

John 8:15 "You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one."

#### 2. The Lord's judgments are impeccable.

**John 8:16** "But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me."

# C. Jesus <u>referred</u> to the Law which supported His testimony.

**John 8:17** "In your own law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid."

**John 8:18** "I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent Me."

## III. Jesus <u>delivered</u> a warning with his message.

#### A. They <u>did not know</u> Jesus.

**John 8:19** "Then they asked Him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you know me, you would know my Father also."

John 8:20 "He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized Him, because His time had not yet come."

#### B. They would die in their sins.

**John 8:21** "Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come."

**John 8:22** "This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why He says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?"

**John 8:23** "But He continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world: I am not of this world."

**John 3:19** "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil."

John 8:24 "I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

**John 8:25** "Who are you?" they asked. "Just what I have been claiming all along," Jesus replied."

**John 8:26** "I have much to say in judgment of you. But He who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from Him I tell the world."

**John 8:27** "They did not understand that He was telling them about His Father."

John 8:28 "So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own, but speak just what the Father has taught me; He has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases Him."