

John 8:12-20

The Treasury.....

The Court of Women

It was within earshot of the Sanhedrin.

His hour had not yet come.....

The FOT was over with its rituals.

The word light, φως, occurs 76x in the NT.

This word was another name for Messiah.

I. What Jesus Says of Himself.

I, even I, am the Light of the World. This is the 2nd “I am” statement. “I am the Bread of Life,” “I am the Door,” “I am the Good Shepherd,” “I am the Resurrection and the Life,” “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,” and “I am the Vine.”

Not “a” light but THE Light. There are many false lights. “Lights outside of Christ might have some semblance of brightness but it’s more like lightning, dazzling the eyes.” John Calvin.

II. What Jesus Says of His Followers.

A genuine follower is one who will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life. There are no “half-converts.” It is a full commitment or none at all. The Rich Young Ruler?

The character of light is revealed by its shining. A follower of Jesus has the light of Christ within her and reflects the glory of Christ externally.

III. What Jesus Says of His Enemies.

Richard Phillips commented that “When it come to unbelief, the pharisees aptly represent the entire human race in opposition to Jesus...unbelief never runs out of objections and never has sufficient proof.”

Would you ask Vince Gill for his singing credentials or Albert Einstein for his college transcripts to teach high school math? That’s what the pharisees were doing.

CS Lewis....

Do you believe his declaration?

If so, does your life reflect His light?

If not, you are an enemy of the gospel.