

The light of the world

John 8:12-30



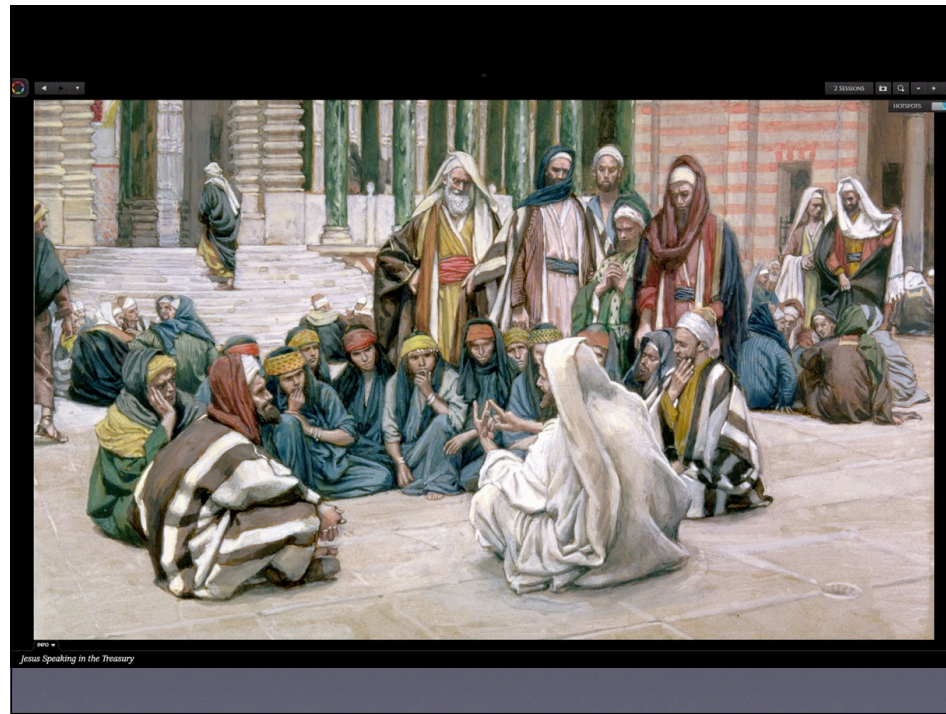




Isaiah 9:2

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Those who live in a dark land,
the light will shine on them.





John 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Theme of John 8:12-30

Jesus truthfully claims to be the Light of the World, the Messiah, and sternly warns of deadly consequences for those who do not believe in Him.

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Isaiah 42:6-7

“I am the Lord, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

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He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

John 8:12b

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5. It is a consistent message of John - John 1:4-8; 3:19-21

John 1:4-8

In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

John 3:19-21

“This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

SUMMARY STATEMENT

“I am the Light of the World” means to say: In the human person of Jesus Christ, as in a focus of radiant light, the shining image of divine truth, holiness and righteousness has appeared in the human world, by its victorious radiance to penetrate the darkness of the world and of individual souls to deliver from the night of falsehood, sin and the wrath of God.

FIRST CHALLENGE

Your testimony alone about Yourself cannot
be true by Law - John 8:13

FIRST DEFENSE - My Testimony is True - John 8:14-18

1. Jesus Christ has intuitive knowledge of where He came from and where He is going - v. 14a
2. The Pharisees have only observed knowledge about Jesus and do NOT know where Jesus is from NOR where He is going - v. 14b
3. Jesus Christ has a second witness, God the Father, making His claim legally true - v. 15-18

SECOND CHALLENGE

So where is Your second witness, Your
Father? - John 8:19b

SECOND DEFENSE

If you knew Me, you would know My Father
John 8:19b

ON THE OFFENSE - John 8:20-30

1. First Warning - I am leaving, you will seek Me and you will die in your sin - v. 21
2. First Response - Maybe He will commit suicide
3. Second Warning - If you don't believe that I AM He, you will die in your sins - v. 23-24
4. Second Response - Who are You? - v. 25
5. Final Warning - In the end, you will come to know that I am telling you the truth - v. 26-29
6. Final Response - Many came to believe in Him v. 30

Implications for us

1. Jesus truly is the Light of the World through whom we have the light of life
2. As the truth of the Word of God is revealed to you, don't wait until it is too late
3. Don't lose heart in your witness - in the midst of rejection, the Lord can and does save