

JESUS: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
(John 8:12-21)

- I. The SETTING of His Discourse (John 8:20a)
 - A. Jesus was TEACHING in the TEMPLE
 - B. Specifically, He spoke “in the TREASURY”
 - 1. Where four huge CANDELABRA/MENORAHS were lit each night of the Feast
 - 2. They signified the PILLAR OF FIRE by which God guided Israel in the wilderness

- II. The PROCLAMATION of His Identity (John 8:12)
 - A. Jesus declared, “I AM the LIGHT of the WORLD”
 - 1. Identifying Himself as GOD (cf. Ps. 27:1; Isa. 60:19)
 - 2. Identifying Himself as MESSIAH (Isa. 42:5-7)
 - B. He demands that we FOLLOW His Light
 - C. He promises PERMANENT TRANSFORMATION of the enlightened

- III. The OBJECTION to His Claim (John 8:13)
 - A. Testifying for oneself was legally INVALID
 - B. They declared Jesus' testimony FALSE

- IV. The DEFENSE of His Testimony (John 8:14-19, 20b)
 - A. He is QUALIFIED to testify to the truth, and His opponents ARE NOT
 - 1. Only He knew His HEAVENLY ORIGIN
 - 2. Only He knew His HEAVENLY DESTINY
 - 3. Only He JUDGED according to TRUTH
 - B. The FATHER corroborates His testimony
 - 1. Their Law accepted as valid the testimony of two FALLIBLE MEN
 - 2. They considered invalid the united testimony of both the INFALLIBLE FATHER and His INFALLIBLE SON
 - C. The Pharisees demanded, “WHERE IS Your Father?”
 - D. Jesus explained they DIDN’T KNOW Him or His Father
 - E. His enemies were POWERLESS to harm Him before the APPOINTED TIME