



Sermon Series: John - The Word of Life - Part 25

Message: “The Light of the World”

Text: John 8:12-20

Date: 05/08/2022

★ John’s purpose for writing was to connect people to Jesus! (John 20:30-31)

The Setting:

- We’re still at the Festival of Tabernacles (Fall harvest celebration for Jews)
- (v20) Jesus spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts (Court of Women):



John 8:12

- To “follow” Jesus means to *obey* Him
- “Walking in darkness” means you’re *spiritually dead*
- Notice the *authority* behind these words
- The “light of life” means eternal life (see Psalm 56:13 and Isaiah 53:11)

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- The Law stated that you needed two or three witnesses to back up a claim (Deut. 19:15)
- The religious leaders didn’t know Jesus or His Father
- (v20) seized = arrested
- (v20) his hour had not yet come (see also John 2:4, 7:30, [*reversal!*] 12:23, 13:1, 17:1)
- No one knows exactly when they will die (except Jesus!) - Ecclesiastes 9:12

- Going Deeper -

For individual or small group study

1. **READ Exodus 13:17-22 and Nehemiah 9:1-21.**
2. Why was it important that God would lead His people in the desert? Why did God never leave them in the desert? What evidence is given that God provided for the needs of His people?
3. Nehemiah would have said this roughly 1000 years after the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. Why was it important for him to remember what God had done so long ago? How does this principle of remembering what God has done help us in our own lives?
4. **READ John 8:12.** What is it about these words that contain authority for our lives? How do these words give you hope?
5. **READ Isaiah 53.** How does this passage help to strengthen your faith in Jesus? Pay special attention to verse 11 with regard to the resurrection of Jesus.
6. **READ 1 Peter 2:9-10.** What does this passage mean for you as a follower of Jesus? Use this passage to pray however you feel led.

Recommended Resources

Books:

- *NIV Faithlife Illustrated Study Bible*, christianbook.com, <https://bit.ly/3kxieXw>
- *Brief Insights on Mastering Bible Study*, by Dr. Michael Heiser

YouTube Videos:

- Overview: John 1-12, by Bible Project
- Overview: John 13-21, by Bible Project