

From Light to Life

John 8:12-30

Introduction: John 8:12-59 is called the "Light of the World discourse"; the point is highlighted by those who do not believe (24) and by those who do believe (30) which squares with John's purpose statement in 20:30-31

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Jesus knows the way - 12-14

Concept: Light combats darkness; overcomes darkness (John 1:5-8). Jesus' presence in the world caused darkness to be revealed; to be clarified; to be confronted.

Jesus knows the truth - 15-18 - Three reasons

Jesus knows the Father - 19

Jesus knows the Times - 20, 25-29 - (3)

Concept: Jesus is in complete control of himself and his future. He knew his time and he knows our times.

Jesus knows the Consequences - 21-24

vs. 21 - You will die in your sin

vs. 21 - You cannot come

vs. 22 - Where I am going, you cannot come

Vs. 23 - You are from below, you are of this world

vs. 24 - You will die in your sins

Concept: The Light of the World is the way, the truth and the life which means that without his light, without his truth and without his life I will die in my sin. This is the consequence of unbelief - HELL. On the other hand, "Whoever follows me (Jesus) will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life".

Jesus knows the Light - 30

Conclusion: Important implications

First, there is only one of two ways. There is no third option, no other light.

Second, Jesus is the only light that the world needs; I simply carry it to the the world by what I say and how I live.

Third, Jesus' light in this world is the 'natural', all other kinds of illumination are foreign and strange to the world.

Fourth, to agree that Jesus is the light of world means that I trust Jesus, I obey Jesus and I follow Jesus.

Fifth, the day is coming when Jesus' light will overwhelm the world.