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John 8:25 Then said they unto him, **Who art thou?** And Jesus saith unto them, Even *the same* that I said unto you from the beginning. 26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and **I speak to the world** those things which I have heard of him. 27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

- Because you deny the light God sent! 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
 - a. Jesus is God I John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
 - He is the light of the world
 - Think of the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night

- 2. It gave protection, direction, warmth and life
- He is the life of the world
 - 1. Without the light there would be no life
 - 2. No physical life and no spiritual life
- iii. The sun is the center of our universe
- b. Followers of Jesus do not walk in darkness
 - We know how to love and serve God
 - ii. We see things clearly from Him through His Word and His Spirit
 - iii. We have light the world has darkness
 - iv. That is a clear mark of separation
 - v. We live holy lives
- c. Followers of Jesus have the light of life
 - i. We have what they do not have, light and life
 - ii. We have an open and clear relationship with the Father
- 2. Because you reject the truth, the testimony God gives 13
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Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

- a. They were making their judgments based on what seemed to make sense
- b. They were ignoring all that had been happening since Jesus came to this earth and started His ministry
- c. God had shown great signs and miracles through Jesus and they ignored that
- d. Today we have the Word of God and the truth is clearly stated there
- e. You choose to believe or ignore the testimony that God has given through signs, wonders, miracles, His Word, and His Holy Spirit
- 3. Because you don't know the Father through the Son 19
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- a. Great insult to the Jews to hear that they do not know His Father, God
- b. He explains that if you reject the Son then you reject the Father
- c. Jesus returned to teaching immediately after the big fiasco and stayed on subject, He is God
- Because you will not believe that Jesus is God 21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.
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- a. Now 8 chapters of proof that Jesus is God and they still reject Him and the truth
- b. They mock Him saying will He kill Himself
- c. There is a clear difference between them and Him
- d. He is from another world
- 5. Action for believers to take
 - a. Realize that separation from sin is a big part of our lives
 - i. There is light and darkness
 - ii. This world and that world
 - iii. Believing the record and not believing the record
 - iv. Believing Jesus is God and not believing that
 - b. We are to walk in the light because we have light
 - So get rid of sinful practices in your life Romans 13:12
 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.
 - ii. Don't do things you are ashamed of John 3:19-21 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For

- every one that **doeth evil hateth the light**, neither cometh to the light, **lest his deeds should be**reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.
- iii. Separate from the darkness and those that practice darkness Ephesians 5:10-17 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in **secret.** 13 But all things that are **reproved** are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, **not as fools**, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
- c. Learn to judge biblically 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

- i. Based on what the Bible says and not what is culturally accepted
- ii. Don't make decisions based on your physical senses but your spiritual senses
- iii. Don't judge people so quickly and easily
 - Remember how Jesus handled the woman taken in adultery
 - 2. Remember how He handled her accusers
- d. Develop your relationship with the Son so you can better know the Father 19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.
 - i. We can only know the Father through the Son
 - ii. As believers let's work at developing our relationship with the Son, prayer, studying Him, meditating on Him, communing with Him
- e. Let's believe and preach that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, God in human flesh 24 I said therefore unto you,

not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

- f. Realize that there is a vast difference in them and us 23
 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am
 from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this
 world.
 - i. I am not of this world either
 - ii. I do not want the same things or live for the same reasons as they do
 - iii. I should always feel a little uncomfortable with this world and its way of thinking