

**"Jesus, the Light of the World"**  
**JOHN 8:12-20**

Having been interrupted by the "religious" leaders earlier, (Vs 1-11), Jesus continues his teaching in the Temple which he began in verse 1. He wastes no time clearly stating who he is. This causes the Pharisees, who have already been embarrassed by Jesus, to challenge him on everything he says.

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 12
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus, God the Son
  - B. Describes \_\_\_\_\_ he is-"the light of the world"
  - C. Describes what is to be \_\_\_\_\_-"follow Jesus, the Light"
  - D. Describes the \_\_\_\_\_ of following Jesus-"shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life"
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 13
- A. The Pharisees Vs 13a
1. The Pharisees originated from the Jewish sect known as the Hasidim (lit.: those who are godly), founded in the second century B.C. [AMG's Comprehensive Dictionary of New Testament Words.]
  2. They were a "religious" sect who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves from the general population on the basis of a life of superior holiness and devotion to God. This was a \_\_\_\_\_ group of pseudo-pious men who used their title as a means of controlling people and getting what they wanted.
  3. When Christ came on the scene, he " \_\_\_\_\_ " their beliefs and practices and refused to back down from them. He did this simply by \_\_\_\_\_ the will of the Father and being \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
- B. The Pharisees' \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 13b
1. *Thou bearest record of thyself*
    - a. *Bearest record-give a witness, \_\_\_\_\_*
    - b. *Of thyself-" \_\_\_\_\_-glorification"*
    - c. The Pharisees only saw Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ himself
  2. *Thy record is not true*
    - a. Through their \_\_\_\_\_ they did not comprehend Jesus' truth
    - b. Because of their unbelief they drew a \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion-self promotion
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the provocation Vs 14-18
- A. Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ that he was talking about himself, but denied their charge against him Vs 14a
- B. Jesus further stated he \_\_\_\_\_ what was happening Vs 14b
1. He knew his \_\_\_\_\_
  2. He understood the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pharisees
- C. Jesus described their \_\_\_\_\_ of understanding Vs 15-16
1. People pass judgment with \_\_\_\_\_ understanding Vs 15a
  2. Jesus was not there to be a \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 15b
- D. Jesus describes what his judgment will look like when it does occur Vs 16-18
1. *Judgment*-to prosecute in a court and give a \_\_\_\_\_ against
  2. Jesus' judgment will be \_\_\_\_\_, genuine Vs 16a
  3. Jesus' judgment will be in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Law of God Vs 16b-18
    - a. The OT Law required there be two witnesses Vs 16b-17 Cf. Deut. 17:6; 19:15
    - b. Jesus bore witness of his \_\_\_\_\_, and God, the Father bore witness of his deity Vs 18

- IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ raised Vs 19a
- The Pharisees may have been sarcastically been looking \_\_\_\_\_ as they asked
  - Jesus had already stated that when he spoke of his Father, he meant \_\_\_\_\_, the Father Cf. 5:17-47
- V. The question \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 19b
- Jn 5:37-38 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. 38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.*
  - The One that the Pharisees were supposed to represent, they did not even \_\_\_\_\_
- VI. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the conversation Vs 20a
- The Treasury-the \_\_\_\_\_ where the offerings and Temple money was kept
  - Jesus sat near the Treasury and taught the people Cf. Mark 12:41-43; Luke 21:1
- VII. The \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 20b
- \_\_\_\_\_ -no man laid hands on him
  - Sovereignty-for his hour was not yet come

Thoughts:

- Jesus clearly taught that he was the way of \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus faced much opposition for sharing \_\_\_\_\_ with the people
- Jesus carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the Truths he had already shared-evangelism and discipleship
- Jesus spoke plainly so the people would have no \_\_\_\_\_ for not understanding what he was saying
- His whole life was under the Father's care, and as thus the Father's \_\_\_\_\_ was of utmost importance
- Jesus' life was in the \_\_\_\_\_ hands of the Father, and no one would harm him prematurely
- We can \_\_\_\_\_ assured that as we live for Christ, we will be misunderstood by the \_\_\_\_\_, but must not stop because God, the Father is \_\_\_\_\_ that which he wishes with and through our life