

I AM the Light of the World (John 8:12-19)

- Jesus words, “I AM the light of the world”: Feast of the Tabernacles
- He had just invited the thirsty to drink from Him and never thirst again
- Scene of John 8:12: the temple treasury - court of the women (**8: 20**)
- Two ceremonies during festival: pouring of water (ch.7) lamps lit (8)
- Priests light lamps, that would light up the temple & some of the city

I. Christ’s Claim: ‘I AM the Light of the World’

- Jesus spoke as the lamps were lit, He represents the very glory of God
- His conscious identification: cloud of fire, witness to His incarnation
- Ceremony hearkens back to Israel in the desert & more (**Malachi 4:2**)
- Jesus’ witness, I wasn’t only the cloud, but the comfort it brought you

II. What Christ’s Claim “I AM the Light” says to His Followers (v.12)

“He who follows me shall not walk in darkness”

- Israelites had the fiery cloud lead them by night: didn’t fall/stumble
- Jesus is this very light for us, in following Him: not darkness, no fear
- **‘Have the light of life’** not only do we walk in it, it radiates from us

III. Jesus’ Words & Warning to Any Rejecting His Claims (vv.13-19)

- Pharisees reject Him vs 13. Rejecting Him brings darkness (**Ex 14:19**)
- The Pharisees rejecting Jesus, judge according to the flesh (**vv.15-18**)
- Jesus said in essence: I AM the only true revelation of the living God
- **Numbers 9:15-22**, “we walk in the Light when we submit to His yoke”