

I AM The Light Of The World – John 8:12

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Introduction

1. Jesus makes some very remarkable claims in John. In making these seven statements we learn so much about Jesus, what He has to offer, the world around us and the lives we live.
2. Today we will study the second I AM found in John 8:12...

I. The Setting

- a. The Context of John 7-9
 - i. It was the celebration of the annual Festival of Tabernacles (7:2-3,14,37)
 - ii. During the week of the festival many people lived in booths made of tree branches set on the roof of their houses. It was to remind them of the time their ancestors wandered in the wilderness.
 - iii. Early in the morning the priest would carry water from the pool of Siloam and pour it on the west side of the brazen altar in the temple court. At night the priest lit four large candelabra in the court of women (treasury 6:20). It was during these occasions Jesus claims to provide them with living water and that He was the light of the world.

II. The Meaning

- a. Tradition Points To The Past
 - i. As the Jews kept their traditions and God's commands for the festival they ignored the son of God. They gloried in the past and could not see what they had in the present with Jesus.
- b. Comparing The Physical With The Spiritual
 - i. In the physical world the sun is the "light of the world" but in the spiritual kingdom, Jesus is the only light.
 - ii. All the galaxy depends on the sun for without there would be death. Jesus is the light of our world and without Him there would be spiritual death.
 - iii. The sun is the center of our galaxy and Jesus is the center of His church.
 - iv. If the sun were extinguished life on earth would end. Jesus is the light of life and those who trust walk in His light and His blood purifies us from all sin giving us life.

III. Living In The Light Today

- a. Jesus Is Seen As We Walk As Children of Light
 - i. We are light of the world! A city on a hill that cannot be hidden. For we were once darkness but now we are the light of the world! (Mt 5:14-16; Eph 5:18)
 - ii. Jesus gives us the example of moving from crowds to individuals in John 9:1-7. What we learn is how we look at other people determines how much we can help them.
- b. Jesus Shows How we Can Show God's Love

