

(in)VISIBLE WORLDS

John 8:12-30

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Introduction

The heated exchanges between Jesus and the Pharisees continues as he makes the second of his I AM statements. The Feast of Tabernacles included lights in the court of the women and the glow could be seen all over Jerusalem. It is here that Jesus declares that he is the light of the world and the way out of darkness. The Pharisees question him and Jesus explains that the cross shows the dividing line of (in)VISIBLE WORLDS.

Jesus' light will soon shine brightly from the cross. His light transforms us. When we follow Jesus, our blindness is turned to sight and we are able to see the Light of Life. Through his grace and forgiveness, we experience hope for the future and a new way of living. In Jesus, we find light in the midst of darkness.

Outline

The way out of darkness is found by following Jesus (v. 12).

People who put Jesus on trial usually have a verdict in mind (vv. 15-18).

Nothing can stop Jesus (v.20).

in(VISIBLE) worlds are found by faith, not intellect (vv. 23-27).

You can see the light when you look at the cross (v. 28).

The light of the world can be found in dark places (v. 30).

Application

Have you come out of darkness into Jesus' marvelous light?

Are you still following by taking your Next Step?

If you are in a dark place, will you ask Jesus for his light?

Questions

1. How does John 1:4-9 explain what Jesus says in John 8:12?
2. What are some ways people put Jesus on trial?
3. What happens to people who die in their sins and why?
4. How does the cross show Jesus' light?
5. Share a dark place you have been where Jesus met you with his light.