

# Jesus the Light

## John 1:9-13

Introduction: Have you thought about the many ways Jesus has revealed Himself to mankind? There is creation of physical planets and plants and animals and trees. There is His word we call the Bible. There is the witness and testimony from other who have experienced Him. Jesus is revealed through anything and everything He chooses. In our scripture this week we see that regardless of how Jesus chooses to be revealed He is always revealed as one thing...

### I. Jesus is revealed as the light of the world. V.9

The word “was” is a key word to realizing what John is telling us! “Was” is a past tense verb given as an imperfect; meaning it has not met completion. It is spoken here by John in the third person, which makes “was” understood in the same context as “I am.”

Jesus is the “I am”, His work was finished on the cross but the effect of His work is ongoing even to the day and age we live in!

Last week I showed you that John the Baptist reflected the light of Jesus and that you and I should reflect this light as well. Today the Apostle John once again reaffirms that Jesus is the very light we should desire to be a reflection of!

We are not ask to elect Jesus as the light, approve Him as the light or support Him as the light. We are told that HE IS THE LIGHT (PERIOD)!

In John’s day as in our day people have only two choices when it comes to Jesus being revealed, in verses 10-11 we see that...

### II. Jesus is rejected as the light of the world. V.v.10-11

#### A. By His creation v.10

“The world knew Him not” speaks not of land, rivers, oceans and etc.. Even though He did create all of it, Jesus knew everything about everything. He is infinite wisdom, love and power, He walked among people, met them daily, yet they were to blind to see Him as anyone other than a carpenters son.

#### B. By His countrymen v.11

“His own (the Jewish people) received Him not” reminds us of the prophets from centuries ago who foretold of His coming. The fulfilled return from Babylon exile to the Promised Land, yet all they could see was cold, dead, formal religion.

III. Give the illustration of Joseph as a type of Jesus.

Preach the current rejection of Jesus, in favor of religion! I.E. The removal of blood salvation, the rejection of Jesus being the only way to eternal life, the virgin birth, the physical resurrection, the

sinless life. The rejection of a biblical Jesus (the release of the current book "The Lost Gospel" which is not even a gospel).

From ABC.com "'The Lost Gospel' is built around a new interpretation of an ancient text, 'The Story of Joseph and Aseneth.'" Jacobovici and Wilson studied a 1,500-year-old Syriac-language version of the story in the London library. Most religious scholars think the text explains why the Hebrew patriarch Joseph came to marry a gentile, but Wilson and Jacobovici say it is a coded tale that actually relates the story of Jesus, his wife and their children. Jacobovici said that in the document, Mary Magdalene is "not just Mrs. Jesus. She's a co-deity, a co-Redeemer." But Greg Carey, professor of New Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, said the story was already well known to Bible scholars and "doesn't require any decoding." "That's not to deny that some early Christians interpreted the story allegorically," he added. But he said there was no evidence for "the idea that it's about Jesus and his wife and their two children." Jacobovici (the author) has a record of headline-grabbing but contested claims."

Just as there have always been rejection of Jesus as light. Those of us who know Him as Lord and Savior also know...

### III. Jesus is received as the light of the world. V.v.12-13

#### A. Through the spiritual birth of the child of God v.12

##### 1. Believe

May be listed last in v.12 but we know before we can receive Jesus we must believe in Jesus! Specifically we must believe on His name. Why His name? To believe on His name is to believe in what His name signifies; believing that Jesus can save me from my sin (Matt. 1:21).

##### 2. Receive

To "as many as received Him" that imparts new life! Believing is necessary but it isn't enough, you see He must become my Savior; the only way that happens if for me to receive Him. This happens by inviting Jesus into your heart and life as Savior and Lord over my life.

##### 3. Become

Verse 12 tells us those who believe and receive have power to become "the sons of God." When become happens we have new life imparted; the Holy Spirit comes and indwells the human spirit bringing with Him life from God.

#### B. Through the supernatural birth that comes only from Jesus v.13

Only through Jesus is it possible to become a Child of God! The Child of God can do nothing to merit eternal life, it is all Jesus or nothing.

##### 1. Not of human descent

Just because your parents, grandparents, great grandparents are Gods children doesn't mean you are!

##### 2. Not of human desire

Wishful thinking or moral living cannot make you a child of God!

### 3. Not of human design

Turning over a new leaf cannot make you a child of God!

Conclusion: It is one thing for a person to say they are good, moral, clean living, honest or decent; and all of these are good qualities to have in our life and we should all desire them. It is entirely different when we say we are born again. When we are called by the Holy Spirit to move from the darkness of this world into the light of Jesus Christ we are invited into everlasting life. The Apostle John knew exactly what that meant, he had experienced it, and he had watched others experience it, John along with everyone who ever experienced Jesus knew eternal life was something worth living and dying for. (Invitation of musicians). John has shown us Jesus first as creator, then as illuminator and now as the director of light into the darkness of our sin filled world. This morning if you're not saved today is the day Jesus is calling you forward. If you are saved today is the day you can rededicate your life to Him and walk with Him closer than you have ever walked. If Jesus is calling you will you come while we sing?