

“I Am the Light of the World” John 8:12-19

- Jesus’ teaching builds on what Jesus said previously, “I am the water of life”
- Context: Feast of the Tabernacles, the feast may have ended, many gone home
- Text seems to pick up on our Lord’s encounter with the Jewish leaders (7:52)

I. Jesus Identity: The Light of the World (8:12)

- Feast of the Tabernacle: images of water and of light (Zech 14:7-8)
- Evening of the day when water was drawn from pool of Siloam
- The court of the women was brightly illumined with four large lamps
- Jesus steps forward and proclaims that He is the light the world (1:4,9)
- People won’t walk in the light (3:19). Those who follow Jesus have life (36)

II. Jesus’ Authority: Sent by the Father (8:13-20)

- The response of the Jews was mixed: Pharisees hated Jesus, some believed
- **Objection 1: His witness was not true:** (3-18). Witness of two or three cited
 1. Jesus says: (14) His works witnessed to His origin, He came from heaven.
 2. Jesus appeals to His union with the Father (15-16) they judge by the flesh (24)
- His testimony was supported: His own witness and the Father’s witness (18)
- **Objection 2: ‘Where is your Father?’** (19-20). Jesus says they are blind (19)

III. Jesus’ Message: Believe or Perish (8:21-29)

- They are in deadly peril because of their rank unbelief, Jesus warns them (21)
- The Jews mock & reject Him, but Jesus leaves the door open for mercy (24)
- Jesus gives them no alternative but to face what they know to be true (25,26)
- Jesus further drives home the fact that He does not act independently (28)
- Though forsaken at the Cross, Jesus was not ultimately left by the Father (28)