

Sermon
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Jesus, the Light of the World
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Sermon Text: John 8:12-30

1. Jesus' provocative claim (v 12)

Last day of the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot): This feast was different in that Gentiles were invited to attend (Deuteronomy 31). All the other feasts were strictly for the Jews.

Ref: John 7:37-39 – remembrance of God's provision of water in the wilderness.

Vs 20 "...in the treasury...": Menorahs were lit to remind the people of the pillar of fire that was God leading them through the wilderness. God is the source of light, and gives secondary sources in the creation. (Genesis 1:3-5, 14-19)

2. Jesus' defense of the truth, witness of the Father – counter accusation of ignorance, lack of unity with the Father (vs 13-19)

cf. Romans 9:4-5

3. The heavenly departure and origin of Jesus (vs. 21-27)

4. The cross will reveal Jesus' person and claims (v. 28-29)

"I am he!" (vs 28) – cf. Isaiah 41:4; 43:10, 13; 46:4; 48:12; 43:25

5. The power of the Word (vs. 30)

cf. Hebrews 4:12-13