

“I Am the Light” - John 8:3-18

Ask - “Have you ever had to find your way in the dark? Share your story.”

Background - While still in Jerusalem, Jesus went out to the Mt. of Olives to pray and spend some time alone with the Father. The next morning, He returned to the temple to teach the people gathered there...

“The Adulterous Woman” - John 8:3-11

(v3-6a) While He was teaching in the temple, what happened? How did the scribes and Pharisees use this occasion to test Jesus, and why?

(v6b-9) How did Jesus respond to their question about how they should deal with this adulterous woman? What do you supposed He might have been writing in the sand? What did the scribes and Pharisees do?

(v10-11) After the scribes and Pharisees dispersed, what did Jesus say? Did Jesus excuse her sin? Discuss.

THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES BROUGHT AN ADULTEROUS WOMAN INTO THE TEMPLE TO TEST JESUS. JESUS EXPOSED THEIR HYPOCRISY AND GUILT AND SHOWED MERCY TO THE SINFUL WOMAN.

“The Light of the World” - John 8:12-14

(v12) What did Jesus refer to Himself as? Discuss what it means to be “the Light of the world”. What is “the Light of life”?

(v13) What charge did the Pharisees make against Him?

(v14) What did Jesus assert and on what basis did He dismiss their criticism?

JESUS TAUGHT THAT HE WAS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO FOLLOWED HIM WOULD NOT WALK IN DARKNESS. THE PHARISEES PROCLAIMED THAT JESUS WAS LYING ABOUT HIMSELF.

“The Two Witnesses” - John 8:15-18

(v15-16) How did Jesus compare His judgment with that of the Pharisees? Who had they just judged (see verses 1-11)?

(v17) What Old Testament Law did Jesus reference? Read and explain Deuteronomy 19:15.

(v18) What 2 witnesses did Jesus cite in order to validate the truth of His testimony as required by the Law of Moses?

JESUS' JUDGMENT WAS RIGHTEOUS AND JUST. HIS TESTIMONY WAS TRUE AS AFFIRMED BY BOTH HE AND THE FATHER.

Application - Light exposes the truth. It reveals that which is/was otherwise concealed by darkness. Jesus shed light on the sin of the Pharisees and their inconsistent and worldly judgment. He mercifully rebuked the adulterous woman by telling her to sin no more. The Light not only guides us in the darkness, but also unveils our secrets and shortcomings. Jesus is the Light, and in Him we are called to be lamps through which He can shine. How has the light of Jesus affected you?