

# Will You Believe that Jesus is the Light of the World?

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## Jesus – I am the Light of the World

- Jesus has used rich OT imagery like light
- Feast of Booths - Festival of lights > pillar of fire cloud<sup>Ex13:21-22</sup>
- OT imagery of light: Ps 27:1; Isaiah 49:6; 60:19
- So the reaction to Jesus' powerful claim is not surprising
- Pharisees & scribes clearly understood Jesus' claims > they reacted

## Their Assumptions

- They assume Jesus is speaking by Himself<sup>Jn5:31</sup> But Jesus has the Father
- They seemingly want collaborative witnesses<sup>Dt17:6; 19:15</sup>
- Though Jesus called Rabbi - He didn't use their appeal to other authorities
- His use of Scripture was to point to Himself as fulfillment

## Jesus' Defense

- Jesus appeals to His Mission<sup>14</sup>
- Jesus appeals directly to His Father's presence with Him<sup>16</sup>
- Jesus appeals to His divine origin<sup>14</sup>
- Jesus appeals to His future 'lifting up'<sup>28</sup>

## Jesus is God - "I am"

- Jesus knows He is the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Triune God - use of "I Am"<sup>Ex3:14</sup>
- Multiple times: Bread6:35; Light8:12; referring to Himself<sup>8:18,24,28</sup>
- They are ignorant of Jesus' mission<sup>14</sup>
- They are judging by mere human standards<sup>15</sup>
- They are ignorant of Jesus' person & therefore the Father<sup>19</sup>

## Jesus Claim is Powerful

- Jesus is Light of the World - He alone is the Light of the World<sup>12</sup>
- Recalls imagery John started this Gospel<sup>Jn1:4-9</sup>
- Our world is spiritually dark, Pharisees in dark - they didn't understand...
- Nicodemus understood<sup>Jn3:2</sup> miracles authenticated Jesus as from God<sup>Jn14:11</sup>

## Jesus Points to His Atoning Work

- When asked, "*Who are you?*"<sup>25</sup> Jesus replied "*I have been telling you*"<sup>25</sup>
- Listen to my words & see the signs - they authenticate me
- They didn't get it so Jesus tells them '*you will know*'<sup>27</sup>

## A Glimmer of Hope

- Though many argued... *many believed in Him*<sup>30</sup>
- What about you? Will you believe in Jesus as your Savior?