

(12) Again Jesus spoke to them saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

(13) So the Pharisees said to Him, “You are bearing witness about Yourself; Your testimony is not true.” Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, My judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. I am the one who bears witness about Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness about Me.”

(19) They said to Him therefore, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also.” These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; but no one arrested Him, because His hour had not yet come.

(21) So He said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek Me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.” So the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?” He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins.”

(25) So they said to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. I have much to say about you and much to judge, but He who sent Me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from Him.”

(27) They did not understand that He had been speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own authority, but speak just as the Father taught Me. And He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”

(30) As He was saying these things, many believed in Him.

Think on these things:

1) After dealing with the woman caught in adultery brought before Him in the Temple, Jesus says to the crowd, “I am the Light of the World.” How do you use light in everyday life now? When Jesus uses this concept to describe Himself, what do you think He means? (What is His promise?)

Everyday uses? **Light is used to help us see. We can note obstacles and hazards in our path and avoid them. Today, focused light is used in lasers for measurements, alignments, and surgical precision (and much more). We turn on lights in dark places to enter safely**

Applications to Jesus? **Jesus is our “light” source into true life. He reveals God to us, and us to ourselves. He sheds light on God’s Word so that we can understand. He exposes dangers in the dark unknown and guides us to avoid them (if we’re willing...). He aligns us with “life.”**

2) According to Jewish naming customs, what should Jesus have been called? Do you think this is why so many people were confused when He talked about His Father? See also v.23.

Jewish custom would have Jesus called “Jesus bar Joseph”, i.e., Jesus, son of Joseph. He is never recorded being called this, so people could have been confused about His parentage. In v.23, Jesus complicates things further by telling everyone He’s not from this world.

3) In Lesson 13, question 2, we discussed the Jewish Law requiring truth to be established by the agreeing testimony of two witnesses (Deuteronomy 19:15). When challenged, Jesus declares that what He says is true 'according to the Law.' Who are His two witnesses (v.18)? What is the real problem as Jesus speaks to the crowd this day (v.19)?

Two witnesses? **Jesus Himself and God the Father**
Real problem? **The people did not know Him (Jesus) nor His Father.**

4) Do you see the same dynamics at work today as Christians continue to be witnesses for Jesus? Explain.

People who oppose and reject God the Father, Jesus the Son, Christians and the Bible do so from an 'outsider' perspective. They don't know God, and so they don't accept God as man's Creator, God's righteous standards, universal sin, God's plan of salvation, etc.... They're hostile towards God, us, and the Bible, rejecting attempts to acknowledge or honor Him in this world.

5) In v.14 Jesus says He knows where He came from and where He is going. In v.21 He tells them that where He is going, they cannot come. In v.23 He says that He is from above, and they (the crowd) are from below. He states that He is not from 'this' world. What is Jesus communicating to them with all these phrases?

Jesus' life did not originate from the "earth" as all the rest of mankind has. He didn't come from here, nor was earth his ultimate destination. He is from "above," i.e., from heaven.

6) Jesus keeps saying the Father is "the One sending Me" (vs. 16, 18, 26, 27, 29). This confuses the crowd and the Pharisees. He also says to them in v.24, "...unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins." What two questions does the crowd ask in vs. 19 & 25?

Q1? **Where is Your Father?**
Q2? **Who are You?**

7) V.25 is the key verse for people then --- and NOW! What is the consequence for people who conclude wrongly about Jesus (vs. 21, 24, 28)?

People who do not know Jesus (as Savior, v.28) are bound to "die in their sins."

8) Again, Jesus declared Himself to be the Light of the World (v.12). Consider what is shared in John 12:44-46 and 2 Corinthians 4:6. Clearly, most this day did not understand Jesus, but did some?

John? Jesus reveals the Father --- if we've seen/known the Son, we've seen/known the Father --- and He is God's light to all believers so that we should not remain in darkness (about life).

2 Cor.? **Knowing Jesus is to know and see the Glory of God.**

Did some 'get it' (v.30)? **V.30 states that "many believed in Him (i.e., Jesus)."**

People and situations I want to pray for this week: