

Episode #1-33 - The Light of the World

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. The issue of belief or lack of belief continues. The Lord is teaching in the temple after the feast of booths. He was interrupted by certain scribes and Pharisees, who wanted to trap Him with a woman caught in adultery. Now with the interruption over He continues His teaching

II. The light of the world. John 8:12-29.

A. V.12. He returns to His teaching after being interrupted about the woman caught in adultery. Light = Greek *phos*. Same word as in John 1:4. World = Greek *kosmos*, an orderly system or arrangement. Life here = LIFE, that great, eonian life to come.

B. V.13. There are other Pharisees in the crowd other than the group that wanted to trap Him. They do not accept His testimony, saying he needs more witnesses.

C. V.14. His self-witness IS true. They do not know enough about Him. He means He came from God.

D. V.15. Their judgment is made by fleshly knowledge. He did not come to judge the first time, though He will judge at His second coming.

E. V.16. His judgment true because He is with the Father Who sent Him. Not like theirs.

F. V.17. His witness is not made alone. The law says two witnesses are true. Notice He calls it “your law,” showing the law was to Israel.

G. V.18. His second witness: the Father Who sent Him.

H. V.19. They assume He means an earthly man. They do not know His Father, as they should have, so they do not know God. Should have recognized Him! John 14:9

I. V.20. He was speaking in the temple treasury. He is not arrested because it is not His time. Do we have plan laid out for our lives like He did for His? Not necessarily.

J. V.21. He is going away. They will Him seek, but cannot come where He is going. When will they seek Him? Probably at the destruction of Jerusalem.

K. V.22. These rich rulers cannot imagine He can go where they can't follow, so they wonder if He means He will commit suicide?

L. V.23. He could return to Heaven because He was from Heaven. They were from this *kosmos*, but not He. From above = *ek ton ano*.

M. V.24. Will die in their sins because they do not believe He is the “I Am.” Ex. 3:13-14 The “I Am” is God. The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus Christ of the New!

N. V.25. They do not recognize the reference, think He left out the word “He” (like many translators today.) As He said at the beginning of the conversation: light of the world.

O. V.26. Prove He will judge someday. Not now because of His plan. World=*kosmos*. He is speaking to them from One Who sent Him, therefore His words are true.

P. V.27. They still do not realize He is speaking of God the Father.

Q. V.28. The “lifting up” on the cross. Only His disciples realize He is God. After His resurrection, all in Israel will get to know it, though some will not accept it.

R. V.29. The Father His constant companion. No one else “always” pleases God.

V. Conclusion: The Lord Jesus is the light of the world, and gives LIFE to all who follow Him. The Pharisees did not believe, claiming it was because He only testified of Himself. But His Father testified with Him. Anyone who does not believe He is God will die in his sins. Do we believe? Or will we be condemned because we did not? Let us believe!