

The Light of the World | FULL | JULY 8, 2018

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

JESUS IS YAHWEH

- When Jesus declared he was the light of the world he was located in the treasury (the court of the women). This is where the feast of tabernacles included a candle lighting ceremony which reminded the Israelites of when Yahweh led his people out of slavery in Egypt.
 - When else does Yahweh appear as light in the scriptures?
 - Jesus was not just a good man if he claimed to be God. How can we be as clear with people today about the true nature of Jesus?

JESUS IS THE LIGHT THAT LEADS TO LIFE

- Zoe life is life to the full. That life can only be realized by believing in Jesus and following his light that leads to life.
- There are many areas of darkness that Jesus leads us away from and areas within our life that Jesus ministers to as he sanctifies us.
- At the time of Jesus women were shamed into believing that they could go no farther in the temple and therefore no further in their walk with God. Jesus, the presence of Yahweh, was there in the court of women and declares how present and accessible he is to all including those who were shamed by others.
 - Where is the light of the world shining in your life right now?
 - What does Jesus desire to do with those dark corners in our heart? How do we receive that ministry work?
 - How can we communicate the true nature of Yahweh to a world that has been shamed?

WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (MATTHEW 5)

- At Pentecost the disciples received the fiery presence of Yahweh, the Holy Spirit, and they were filled with him. We are all his disciples and likewise
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have received that light within us and we should expect to see that light shine through us.

- Believers are letting that light shine all over the world. What stories do you know and what have you seen Jesus doing through his people?
- What is God doing in the community of living waters that is like a city shining on a hill which cannot be hidden?