

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for March 5-6, 2005

Jesus: The Light of the World

John 8:12

John 7:1-13 was the record of events associated with the beginning of the feast. John 7:14-36 was the record of events associated with the middle of the feast. John 7:37-53 was a record of events associated with the last day of the feast.

John 8:12-59 will be a continuing record of the events associated with the last day of the feast. John 7:1-53 and John 8:12-59, when originally written by the Apostle John, formed one seamless narrative.

The passage begins with a claim by Christ that He was the light of the world (John 8:12).

The words "I am" in the Greek are grammatically emphatic and therefore mean "I and I alone," "I and no other."

In light of the illumination ceremony, Christ's declaration that He was the light of the world could have led the Jews to believe that Jesus was claiming to be God.

Though the words of Christ may have led the Jews to think that He was declaring Himself to be God, we, based on 1 John 1:5, know that He was declaring Himself to be God.

The only people who walk in the light are those who choose to follow Christ since He alone is the light of the world.

Before a person chooses to come to Christ, who is the light of the world, they must come to the place where they hate their sin (John 3:16-20).

Because a person who exercises faith in Christ exercises that faith in order to be set free from their sin, it should be expected, therefore, that they would seek to follow Christ.

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When we receive Christ, who is the light of the world, we are joined to the life of Christ, and He becomes within us the light of life.

John 3:16, I believe, emphasizes the blessing that comes to us when we choose to believe, and John 7:37-38 and John 8:12 emphasizes the blessing that can come to others through us.

When we receive Christ, who is the light of the world, we become light to this world through Christ (Ephesians 5:8).

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).