

Title: Let In the Light
John 8:12-30

Introduction

In John 8, Jesus in the middle of an ongoing debate with His adversaries. The Jews don't have a clue about what Jesus is saying and misinterpret everything He says. When they finally do catch on at the end of the chapter, they try to stone Jesus.

1. The things Jesus claims about Himself draw some people to _____.
2. The things Jesus claims about Himself _____ others farther away.

I. The Perfect Setting

3. The setting for this text is the celebration of the Feast of _____.
4. In this ceremony, _____ huge lamps in the temple's court of women were lit.
5. In this context, Jesus declared to the people that I am the _____ of the world.
6. The feasts are _____ to the Jews.
7. The _____ were in the Court of the Women, the most frequented part of the temple and where Jesus delivered His address.
8. What was new was that Jesus claimed to be that light that they associated with the _____ of God.
9. Jesus always seized the opportunity to _____.

10. Jesus points to these historical events as a personal _____ of His coming as the awaited Messiah.

II. A Personal Witness

11. God had chosen Israel to be his witness to the _____.

12. What Israel _____ to do as God's "witness" to the nations, Jesus, as the "Son of God" came to fulfill, making Jesus the perfect "Son of God."

13. None of the audiences choose to _____ about who Jesus claims to be.

14. They quibble with Jesus over _____.

15. Jesus appeals to the Law of Moses on how they should proceed with the _____.

16. The first qualification of a witness is that they have personally _____ that of which they testify.

17. Only Jesus and the Father can testify about _____ things.

18. Obviously, no one checked out the actual _____ of the Lord.

19. _____ is not the mission in His first coming.

20. Jesus is literally outside the door of the room where the _____ meets.

21. Jesus is the Divine Witness and cannot be _____.

22. The light always _____ the darkness.

III. A Powerful Message

23. When He is rejected as the true light, He issues a strong word of _____.

24. He is speaking of His death on the Cross and His _____ to the Father in heaven.

25. They don't believe He came down from heaven, and because of this, they will _____ in their sins.

26. Unless they believed Him, they would bear the penalty for their _____ and die in their _____.

27. The powerful message of Christ reminds us that God is _____ us in our sufferings and persecutions.

28. Even in this dark hour, there are _____ of light and hope.

Conclusion

29. We cannot change the message to make it _____ to unbelievers.

30. We must declare the truth and realize that unless it is "_____ " by God, a person will not come to faith in Jesus as the "Light of the world."

31. Our task is to proclaim the _____, tell our story of faith, and pray that God will open blind eyes to see the truth and respond to it in faith.

Jesus makes it clear that those who "follow" Him cease to walk in darkness and walk in the light. The more you 'let in the light,' the clearer your vision of God's purpose and

plan for your life becomes. The choice is simple: Believe in your own brand of salvation and walk in darkness, or believe in Jesus and 'let in the light' of God's joy and eternal salvation.

Answers

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| 1. faith | 12. failed | 23. warning |
| 2. drives | 13. argue | 24. return |
| 3. Tabernacles | 14. technicalities | 25. die |
| 4. four | 15. stoning | 26. sins |
| 5. light | 16. experienced | 27. with |
| 6. essential | 17. heavenly | 28. rays |
| 7. candelabra | 18. birthplace | 29. appealing |
| 8. presence | 19. Judging | 30. enlightened |
| 9. teach | 20. Sanhedrin | 31. truth |
| 10. witness | 21. silenced | |
| 11. world | 22. overpowers | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Jesus' listeners quibbled with him over technicalities. What technicalities do people quibble with Jesus about today that keep them from hearing Him and seeing His light? What can you do to help people focus on Jesus rather than the technicality?
2. Has anyone ever claimed to give you first-hand knowledge of something you later found out they actually got second-hand? How did this affect your weight of their testimony? How does knowing Jesus has first-hand knowledge of heavenly things help to affirm the testimony of Scripture?
3. What can you do in your life to let more of the light of Jesus in?