

WHEN THE LIGHT COMES ON

December 10th, 2017 John 8:12-20 Ben Skeat
Finding Jesus, Finding Life, part 25

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. ¹⁶ But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. ¹⁷ In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. ¹⁸ I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me." ¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come. **John 8:12-20**

Big Idea: Jesus is the light of the world.

John is posing the question: Are you in darkness?

1) Jesus is light who reveals TRUTH

"The true light that gave light to everyone was coming into the world...and we have seen his glory, the glory of the One and only Son who came from the father full of grace and truth"

1:9,12b

When "the light comes on" we can see reality

- Who God is (E.g. Psalm 27:1)
- How we should live (E.g. Ps 119:105)

2) Jesus is light who reveals the SECRETS OF OUR HEARTS

a) what we harbor in our hearts can keep us from Jesus light and love

"This is the verdict: light has come into the world but people loved their darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil" John 3:19 (cf. Mark 10:17-22)

b) the only way out is to come as we are to the Lord and let him redefine us in the light of his love.

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ"
Eph 3:17b-18

3) Jesus is light who reveals HOPE

"I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living" Psalm 27:13 NASB

In Jesus, we find that God is far better than we could ever have imagined or hoped for.

We have been given this hope so that we can give it to others. (Matt. 5:14-16)