



WHO JESUS SAYS HE IS

The Light of the World | Stephanie Fehr | March 12, 2023

Passage in John

- 7:53-8:11: the woman caught in adultery
- Chapter 7-8: Jewish Festival of Tabernacles
 - What Jesus teaches connects to the festival

Festival of Tabernacles

- Origin in Leviticus
 - Chapter 23: offerings, greenery, temporary shelters/booths
 - Water element and light element

Festival of Tabernacles

- Water ritual:
 - Isaiah 12:3 - With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
 - water and wine symbolize the life and joy associated with the spirit of God
 - only God's Spirit can fully satisfy their thirst
 - John 7:37-38: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

Festival of Tabernacles

- Light ritual: Illumination of the Temple
 - Four oil lamps
 - Symbolize:
 - “Light of all Lights” - Shekinah Glory, 1 Kings 8:10-11
 - “The Great Light” - Messiah, Isaiah 9:2
 - Pillar of fire, Exodus 13:21-22

Light of the World

- His light is eternal
- For all people
 - John 3: Nicodemus
 - v.19: “Light has come into the world.”
 - Nicodemus at the Festival of Tabernacles
 - John 7:52: search the scriptures and see for yourself
 - John 9:39: “I have come into this world, so that the blind will see”

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- John 1: light
 - v. 5: “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not over come it” - eternal
 - v. 9: “the true light gives light to everyone” - the whole world
 - v. 12: “to all who receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” - all that is required is belief
 - v. 14: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son” - presence

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- Isaiah 9:2: “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned”
- Follow: John 8:12: “whoever follows me will never walk in darkness”

Takeaways from the passage...

- Follow the light
 - actively participate and step by step pattern our lives after Christ
- Search and see
- Meditate and reflect on light
 - God’s goodness
 - Thank God for his eternal light, reminder of his presence, he is leading us through the wilderness