



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
THE LIGHT THAT SAVES FROM DEATH
JOHN 8:13-30

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1. See _____
(vv. 21-26)

John 8:13-30 (ESV)

13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17 In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. 18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." 19 They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20 These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. 21 So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." 22 So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" 23 He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." 25 So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. 26 I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." 27 They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. 28 So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. 29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." 30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

2. Expect _____
(vv. 13-20)

3. Point _____
(vv. 27-30)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read 1 Corinthians 9:16.** Why do you think Paul felt so strongly about his need to share the gospel? Do you think you have a proper sense of urgency in your own concern for those who are on track to “die in their sins”?

2. What are some of the spheres of influence in your life that present evangelistic opportunity? What should urgency look like in those areas?

3. What are some of the excuses you are likely to hear in our own culture of those who don't truly believe in Jesus? How can some of these excuses really reveal willful unbelief in the clear claims of Christ?

- 4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-25.** Why must the cross of Christ be so central to our presentation of the gospel? Why will this be hard for many to accept?

- 5. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.** How do the difficulties that Paul faced in his evangelistic encourage you and give perspective as you share your faith?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

McDowell, Josh and Sean McDowell. *More Than a Carpenter*. Tyndale Momentum, 2009.

Morgan, Christopher and Robert Peterson. *The Deity of Christ*. Crossway, 2011.

Stiles, Mack. *Evangelism*. Crossway, 2014.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for opportunities to point people to the cross of Jesus Christ!

Pray that God would open eyes of unbelief to see the truth.

Pray that many would be saved from death through Jesus Christ.

Pray for a full-time, long-term home for CBCTV.

Pray for our President who was diagnosed with COVID, and pray for our nation as we approach another election.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
10/5/2020	Isaiah 54-57	Psalms 116:10-19	Luke 24:1-12	Hebrews 11:1-12
10/6/2020	Isaiah 58-60	Psalms 117	Luke 24:13-23	Hebrews 11:13-28
10/7/2020	Isaiah 61-64	Psalms 118:1-7	Luke 24:24-35	Hebrews 11:29-39
10/8/2020	Isaiah 65-66	Psalms 118:8-16	Luke 24:36-52	Hebrews 12:1-17
10/9/2020	Jeremiah 1-3	Psalms 118:17-24	John 1:1-18	Hebrews 12:18-29
10/10/2020	Jeremiah 4-5	Psalms 118:25-29	John 1:19-34	Hebrews 13:1-16