

# Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

## Today's message: **Getting Jesus Right**

Context: Feast of Tabernacles (Booths)

### **John 7:1-4 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. <sup>2</sup> Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. <sup>3</sup> So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing." <sup>4</sup> For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world."

*Rosh Hashanah ...*

*Yom Kippur ...*

*... and Messianic expectations ...*

A shocking statement:

### **John 7:5 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> For not even his brothers believed in him.

*Jesus' brothers believed \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus,  
but they were not \_\_\_\_\_!*

Who is **Jesus**? 2 Options:

1) A \_\_\_\_\_ man

*If "yes", what sort?*

- a) Great \_\_\_\_\_ (7:15)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ worker (7:21)
- c) The \_\_\_\_\_ (7:40)
- d) The \_\_\_\_\_ (7:41)

2) A \_\_\_\_\_ man

*If "yes", what sort?*

- a) A \_\_\_\_\_ (7:12)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_-possessed (7:21)

## Jesus' Self-Identification:

### John 8:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**I am the light of the world.** Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

### John 1:9-14 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> **The true light**, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## 3 truths from John 8:12:

1) This world (along with me) is in \_\_\_\_\_ apart from Jesus.

### Matthew 4:16 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> "... the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

### John 3:19-21 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

2) Jesus alone offers \_\_\_\_\_ from darkness.

### Colossians 1:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> He has **delivered us from the domain of darkness** and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins ...

3) I can personally have the light of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

### Ephesians 5:8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> ... at one time **you were darkness**, but **now you are light** in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

## CONCLUSION: The question I must ask and answer

### John 8:25 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> So they said to him, "**Who are you?**" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning."