

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)

¹ After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ² Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. ³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing." ⁴ 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)

⁵ 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)

¹² 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)

⁹ **The true light**, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ 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)

¹⁶ "... 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)

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ 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)

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

3) I can personally have the light of Jesus _____.

Ephesians 5:8 (ESV)

⁸ ... 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)

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