

Jesus is the Light of the World

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Introduction

Overview and Approach to Lesson

The lesson's outline came from the *Commentary on the Gospel of John* by Roy Gingrich. The lesson examines **Jesus** and how He brought light into the world. The **study's aim** is to show how Jesus is indeed the Light of the world. The **study's application** is to learn how to and experience walking in Jesus' light.

Lesson Introduction and Background

From the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary

In John 3:19 Jesus speaks about those who “loved darkness instead of light.” This appears to be truer in the spiritual realm than in the physical. Thieves love darkness, but most people can’t wait until the power is restored during an outage. In such times people quickly become impatient waiting for light in the midst of the darkness. People grope around seeking candles and flashlights. Light switches are flipped, to no avail. When it comes to spiritual darkness, however, many of these same folks are amazingly unconcerned. They blunder on, seemingly unaware of, or totally indifferent to, the darkness in which they live and move. But light is available to those walking in darkness! Christians become a source of light in the world by reflecting the eternal light of the Son. This light gives boldness to the Christ-follower to maintain the walk, even through the valley of the shadow of death. It is vital, though, that the Christian stays plugged into the source of this power for light. This lesson describes the means by which this power connection stays in place. Kentucky’s Mammoth Cave is one of the largest complexes of underground passages in the world. Many of the cave’s farthest recesses have yet to be explored, but the largest known entrance is home to a national park. On one of the guided tours, rangers lead guests to a cavern deep below the surface and ask them to remain silent while they turn off the lights. The resulting darkness is overwhelming. It is impossible to see anything at any distance. The ranger then illustrates the power of light by striking a single match. I have been on this tour several times, and on each occasion I find that it is impossible to look away from this tiny spark of light. Human beings were not made to live in utter darkness. We readily grasp for anything to light our way. Darkness is a powerful figure of speech. At least part of the reason is because we fear the dark and what may be lurking there. The Bible often uses the imagery of darkness to describe the spiritual state of those whose lives are not directed by God. A few such passages are Acts 26:18; Colossians 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:4, 5; and 1 John 2:11. In today’s lesson Jesus discusses his role as the light of the world. In that role, he is the one who brings hope by revealing God to us. “In him was life, and that life was the light of men” (John 1:4). “This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). John 8 seems to follow directly on Jesus’ teaching at the Feast of Tabernacles. There he promised the gift of “living water” (the Spirit) to those who believe in him (last week’s lesson). Up to that point the crowds were divided on his message. Some had concluded that Jesus was the “Prophet” (Deuteronomy 18:15–18; John 7:40). Others thought him to be the Messiah or Christ (John 7:41). The chief priests sent the temple guards to arrest him, but they returned empty-handed after being overwhelmed by his authoritative teaching (John 7:45, 46). Some of the leading Pharisees, including Nicodemus (compare John 3:1–10), debated among themselves about Jesus’ identity (7:50–52). Jesus then explicitly identified himself as the one sent to reveal God in the midst of a dark world.

From the Bible Expositor and Illuminator

John is especially forceful among the Gospels in presenting Jesus as the Son of God. Generally speaking, Matthew presents Jesus as a king, Mark as a servant, and Luke as the perfect man. Each Gospel seems to have been intended to reach a particular group of people with the truth about Jesus. John includes seven significant "I am" statements by Jesus, which offer a great deal of insight into who He truly is and what He came to accomplish. Last week's text included the first of these statements, "I am the bread of life" (6:35). The second of the statements is in the text for this week: "I am the light of the world" (8:12). The others are

"I am the door" (10:7), "I am the good shepherd" (vs. 11), "I am the resurrection, and the life" (11:25), "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (14:6), and "I am the true vine" (15:1). Jesus is God Himself giving light to a dark world.

Major Theme Analysis

(Scriptural Text from the New King James Version; cross-references from the NIV)

The Controversy (John 8:12-20)

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."

14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going."

15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.

16 And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.

17 It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."

19 Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

20 These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

The testimony of the light (vs 12)

The use of "I am" in the Gospel John (from the UBS New Testament Handbook Series)

In the Gospel of John "I am" is used by Jesus in three different ways. (1) It appears as a simple statement of identity here and in John 6:20; 18:5. (2) Most often it is followed by a predicate nominative (6:35, 51; 8:12; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1, 5). (3) In several places it is used absolutely (8:24, 28, 58; 13:19). It is necessary to look closely at the absolute use of the "I am" phrase. Although there is evidence of a similar use of this term in religious literature outside of the Old Testament, the Old Testament itself offers the best background for understanding its use in this Gospel. In Ex 3:14, the passage in which God reveals his name to Moses, the Greek Septuagint translates the Hebrew phrase as "I am the Existing One." This rendition of the divine name in Greek is paralleled elsewhere in the Old Testament. In several places "I am" (literally Hebrew "I am he") is used as a divine name. Isa 43:25 is a striking example. There the Hebrew reads "I, I am he, who wipes out sin." The Septuagint translates the first part of this statement by using the Greek expression "I am" twice. The Septuagint actually reads "I am I am who wipes out sin" and the second "I am" becomes the equivalent of the divine name. The Greek translators of Isa 51:12 followed the same procedure. In later Judaism the expression "I am" is definitely used as a name for God. Thus in those passages in John's Gospel where Jesus uses "I am" in an absolute sense, he is identifying himself with God. In some languages the closest equivalent to the response of Jesus is "I am that very person, I the one who am talking with you" or "I, as the person talking to you, am that very individual" or "I am just that person, the same one who is talking to you."

The fourteen "I Am" of Jesus (Thompson Chain Reference)

1. The Messiah, John 4:26.
2. The Bread of Life, John 6:35.
3. From Above, John 8:23.
4. The Eternal One, John 8:58.
5. The Light of the World, John 8:12.
6. The Door, John 10:7.
7. The Good Shepherd, John 10:11, 14.

8. The Son of God, John 10:36.
9. The Resurrection and Life, John 11:25.
10. The Lord and Master, John 13:13.
11. The Way, Truth, and Life, John 14:6.
12. The True Vine, John 15:1.
13. Alpha and Omega, Rev 1:8.
14. The First and the Last, Rev 1:17.

Testimony based on the prophecy of Isaiah (Matt 4:12-16)

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Testimony of a light that came down from heaven (Luke 1:78-79)

78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven 79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

Testimony of the light for revelation (Luke 2:29-32)

29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all people, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Testimony of the prophet Moses about a light for the Gentiles (Acts 26:22-23)

22 But I have had God's help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen— 23 that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles."

The rejection of the light (vs 13)

Rejection because of not understanding the light (John 1:3-5)

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

Rejection by men but chosen by God (1 Peter 2:4)

4 As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—

Rejection of the capstone (Acts 4:10-11)

10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 He is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'

Rejection that brought reconciliation to the world (Rom 11:13-15)

13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry 14 in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

The validity of the light (vs 14-18)

Validity must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses (Deut 19:15)

15 One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

If the law required validity of witnesses, shouldn't the blood of the covenant be more than the law (Heb 10:28-30)

28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

Validity of God's testimony is greater than all of man's (1 John 5:8-12)

9 We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 10 Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart.

Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

The reason for rejection (vs 19)

People did not know the light of the gospel - Jesus as God (2 Cor 4:4)

4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

The world did not know the true God (John 17:25-26)

25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Jesus, as the light, came to make God known (John 1:18)

18 No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

Jesus, as the light, reveals God to those He chooses (Luke 10:22)

22 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Jesus, as the light, came to make known eternal life through the knowledge of God (John 17:3)

3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

People had no knowledge of the light otherwise Jesus would not have been crucified (1 Cor 2:8)

8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

The boldness of the light (vs 20)

Bold because one should work while there is light (John 11:8-10)

8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?"
9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. 10 It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light."

Bold because Jesus had to finish the work of God (John 9:3-5)

4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.
5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Bold because Jesus' time on earth was short (John 12:35-36)

35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going.
36 Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light."

Bold because things had to be done at the right time (John 7:3-6)

3 Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. 4 No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." 5 For even his own brothers did not believe in him. 6 Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right."

Bold because Jesus wanted to show the full extent of His love (John 13:1)

13:1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The Summary (John 12:44-47)

44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.
45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.
46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

There must be belief in the light (vs 44)

Follow the Light (from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)

When the children of Israel left Egypt, they were led by God in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to give them light (Exodus 13:21). The cloud and the fire were important, for they were the evidence of God's leading. Equally important, however, was the fact that the people had to follow. They could have stayed in one place and enjoyed the phenomenon of the cloud and fire. No one had ever seen such a thing before. Perhaps they could have built a viewing stand and sold tickets. They could have advertised far and wide for people to come see this strange event—a pillar that changed from cloud by day into a fire by night! What a marvelous thing it would be! All that would have been pointless, of course. The pillar was not there to fascinate them or become another one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The purpose of the pillar was to lead them out of Egypt into the promised land. But by the same token, the pillar was not a magic carpet. It would not instantly transport them from Egypt into Canaan. In order to get from Egypt to Canaan, they would have to travel—on foot, every step of the way. All that should be obvious. The pillar would lead them; but they must follow. Jesus is the light of the world. But we too must follow where he leads.

Belief must be in Jesus, God's only Son (John 3:18)

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned , but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Belief and confession brings salvation (Rom 10:9-10)

9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved . 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved .

Belief in Jesus, the light, is belief in God (1 Peter 1:21)

21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Belief overcomes condemnation (Mark 16:16)

16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved , but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Belief that brings the goal of salvation (1 Peter 1:8-9)

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Seeing the light (vs 45)

Seeing Jesus, the light, is seeing God (John 14:9-10)

9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Others should see the light of Jesus in my heart (2 Cor 4:6)

6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Seeing the light is understanding Him who is true (1 John 5:20)

20 We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true — even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Satan has blinded some from seeing the light (2 Cor 4:4)

4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

It is a blessing to believe without seeing (John 20:29)

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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The light of men (John 1:4)

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The light of the world (John 8:12)

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The light that I should put my trust (John 12:35-36)

35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. 36 Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light."

The light that is the true light (1 John 2:8)

8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

The light in the Lord (Eph 5:8-9)

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

Conclusion and Other Thoughts

Concluding Thoughts from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary

The image of Jesus as light is a powerful theme in the Gospel of John. Physical light has some marvelous characteristics that allow this image to function beautifully as a description of Christ. Consider this example: you can go into an utterly dark room and light a tiny birthday candle, and all the darkness of that room cannot stop the little light from shining. The smallest candle can dispel the deepest, blackest darkness. On the other hand, you cannot go into a brightly lighted room with a box of darkness, open the box, and expect the darkness to dim the brightness. Darkness cannot overcome light (John 1:5). This is the case because darkness is, by definition, the absence of something—the absence of light. When we speak figuratively of the dark world in which we live, we are highlighting the fact that the world is missing or ignoring God. Just as light always overcomes darkness, God's purposes will always overcome evil in this world. Of course, some people choose to close their eyes. But those who open their eyes will find a way through the darkness to eternal life and peace. The issue of "light vs. darkness" is well defined. Spiritually mature Christians clearly recognize the choice. But another issue we face is what we may call "true light vs. counterfeit light." We face this problem since "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14). Many sincere Christians are determined to avoid the darkness of sin, and Satan knows this well. So instead of offering those Christians something that is obviously in the category of *dark*, he offers something that seems, at first glance, to fit within God's light. This deception can take many forms, and Satan is very crafty. For example a harmless hobby that provides needed rest and relaxation can become an obsession and an addiction, wrecking the family budget. Eating that extra piece of pie at the restaurant buffet can be rationalized as "good stewardship" since "I'm getting my money's worth." Remember, when Satan offered certain temptations to Jesus, he even backed up his ideas with Scripture! (See Matthew 4:1-11.) So how do we recognize and avoid counterfeit light? The first line of defense is to know the Scriptures thoroughly. Jesus is our example here, since that was how he refuted Satan during the temptation in the wilderness. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). The second line of defense is prayer. Jesus saw this as an important part of avoiding temptation (Mark 14:38). A third line of defense is mutual accountability. Invite a fellow Christian to point out your spiritual blind spots. Then consider his or her counsel very carefully!

Concluding Thoughts from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator

In Europe, the eighteenth century is known as the Enlightenment. It was a time when reason, as well as experience, was credited with advancements in both political and social realms. With all due respect, true enlightenment comes not from such sources but from the Creator Himself. It is through a belief in and a study of God and His Word that individuals are enlightened in the things that matter most. Someone has said that we call a person educated today if he knows everything about that which will pass away and nothing about that which is eternal. John 8:12 is only one of a number of verses in the Bible and especially in John's Gospel to teach that the light we really need is available only from God, who is light Himself (John 1:4; I John 1:5). We need God's light because this world is in moral darkness. God has already given physical light, and He stands ready to give moral and ethical light to the one who recognizes the need and reaches out by faith to the Lord. God is Light; the Lord Jesus is Light; and the Word of God is Light also (Ps. 119:105). In addition, the Holy Spirit's ministry, in part, is shining light into the dark corners of the heart to expose sin so that we can be convicted and confess it to God. The Spirit also enlightens those who read His Word (cf. I Cor. 2:14). In our text, Jesus goes on to state that those who follow Him will not walk in darkness. He does not mean He will provide a physical light on a dark night. Rather, a disciple of Christ will be given the wisdom he needs to make day-to-day decisions. We have to want spiritual light to receive it, and the promise is that those who are genuine followers of the Lord will understand His Word and be able to apply it to everyday decisions. There is no need for a believer to make excuses for his sins. He should not plead ignorance about right and wrong, especially if he has the Bible and is serious about hiding it in his heart (cf. Heb. 5:11-14). Paul wrote in Romans 7:7 that he would not have known what lust was if it had not been for the law of God, which says, "Thou shall not covet" (Exod. 20:17). That is true enlightenment, the kind sorely needed in every heart and in every land today. It is such a shame that many today are attempting to rid the classroom, the courtroom, and the public square of God and His Word. Many feel that Christianity is only a superstition the masses have adopted and that it stands in the way of social progress and brotherhood. To do away with God and His Word, however, is the surest way to plunge the world even more deeply into spiritual darkness than it is now. We who are a part of God's church need to be faithful to do several things in the time we have left. First, we must live by the light God has given. Such a life is a positive witness, and it fulfills Matthew 5:14-16 by letting our light shine before others. Second, the church must always preach the Word of God. It is the only message we have that will make the world a better place as individuals repent and come to Christ, who is, as He so plainly stated, the Light of the world.

Practical Points from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator

1. When we have adequate light, whether we are speaking of physical light or spiritual light, we neither stumble nor fall (John 8:12)
2. We should readily accept the truth whenever we find it (vs. 13-14)
3. If we agree with God, we will not misjudge anything (vs. 15-18)
4. Many questions arise simply because we are not fully following God (vs. 19)
5. If we are in God's hands and following His will, we need not fear what people might do to us (vs. 20)
6. We cannot know God except through Jesus, and we cannot come to God except through Jesus (12:44-46)

Heart of the Lesson from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator

The morning following the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus began teaching in the temple. Extremely large lamps stood within the temple in the Court of Women. The large lamps were a symbol of the pillar of fire God used to light the way for the Israelites' journey in the wilderness. Jesus testified about Himself at least three times in this week's text. He said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12); "I am not alone" (vs. 16); and "I am one that bear witness of myself" (vs. 18).

Jesus is the Light (John 8:12)

Jesus told the Jews that He is the Light of the world. He lights our way as we sojourn here on earth. Light enables people to see more clearly. Light has brilliance. It signifies enlightenment and perception. It is

related to purity, holiness, and righteousness. Light has the capability to dispel darkness. The world is full of darkness. It has been full of sin and wickedness since the fall of Adam and Eve. Jesus, the Light of the world, came to earth to light the way for all mankind. He performed many miracles, including giving sight to the blind. He showed mankind the way to the Father and how to be pleasing in His sight. Everyone has an opportunity to be enlightened by the Light of the world. Accepting Jesus as the Messiah will lead us to everlasting life. Believers have Jesus' assurance of having the everlasting light of life. Rejecting Him will lead to eternal darkness.

A witness of the Light (John 8:13-18)

Jesus is the Light of the world, and the Father is His witness. There is no better witness than the Father, since He sent Jesus. Jesus was sent to deliver mankind from sin and darkness. Believers who walk in His light are no longer blinded by sin. All who accept Jesus no longer have to walk in darkness. They have an opportunity to escape eternal darkness. Although the Father is Jesus' witness, Jesus did not have to prove anything to anyone. No one can disprove what He says. Whether Jesus had a witness or not, His testimony is still valid. He speaks the truth. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (14:6). The scribes and Pharisees did not want to accept what Jesus said. Jesus reminded them of the Jewish law which states, "At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death" (Deut. 17:6). Jesus Himself was a witness to who He is. The Father was also a witness. Therefore, the Jewish leaders should have accepted Jesus' testimony.

Light is enlightening (John 8:19-20)

Jesus' light helps us see our condition. We recognize that we need salvation. Jesus, the Light of the world, has power to bring us into His marvelous light.

Last call for light (John 12:44-46)

Can you imagine a loved one staying in a dark house without utilities when he had an opportunity to stay where there were utilities? It would be very difficult to leave a loved one in that condition. Jesus was compelled to speak out once more to appeal to the Jews. He knew the Jews needed salvation. Jesus was sent for that reason. He yearned for them to believe in Him. It was difficult for Him to leave the Jews in darkness (cf. Luke 13:34). The Jewish leaders claimed to know God. How could they know God but not His Son, especially since God sent His Son to them? Do you know Jesus? Do you accept Him? He is the Light of the world.