

NEXT WEEK

I am the bread of life
John 6:22-59 (35,51)

Bread

- of life (Jn 6:35, 48)
- which came down
from heaven
(Jn 6:41, 51)

Light

of the world
(Jn 8:12; 9:5)

Door

(Jn 10:9)
of the sheep
(Jn 10:7)

Good

Shepherd
(Jn 10:11, 14)

Before (Jn 8:58)
Abraham was

**Resurrection
and Life**

(Jn 11:25)


I AM

**the Way,
the Truth,
and the Life**

(Jn 14:6)

Vine

(Jn 15:1, 5)



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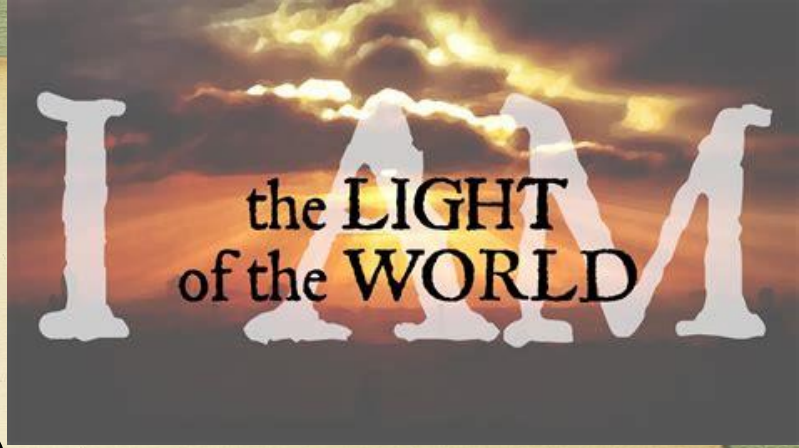


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- Lasted for 8 days (began/end on Sabbath)
- Israelites lived in booths to:
 - Reminding Israelites of their deliverance from Egypt.
 - to look forward to the coming Messiah who would deliver His people from the bondage of sin.

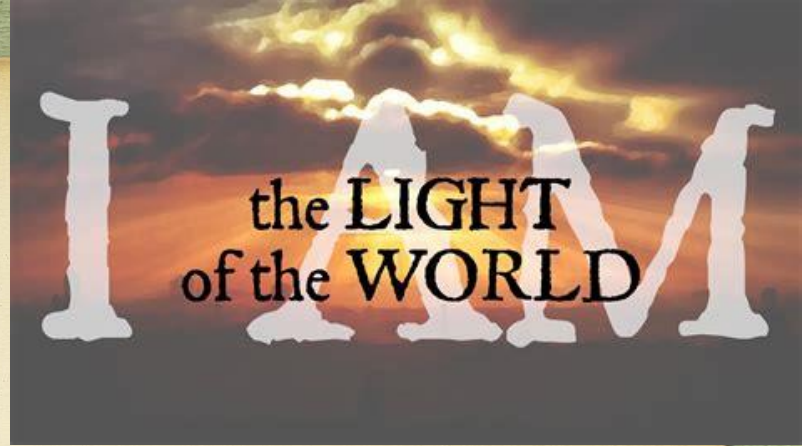


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God Commands Times of Rejoicing!

Leviticus 23:39-43

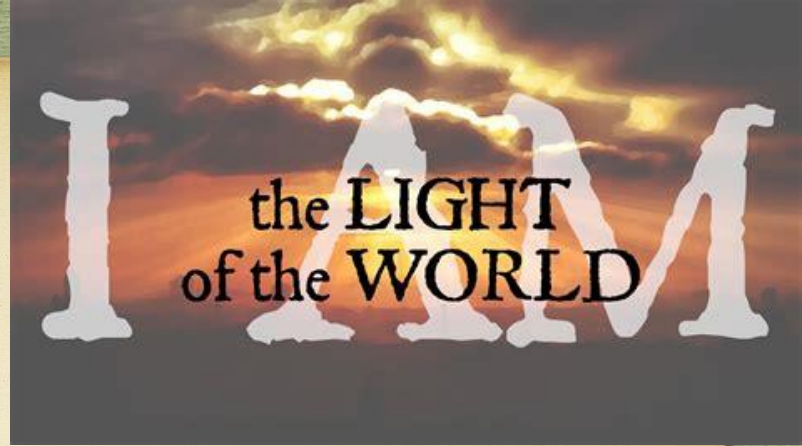
Sukkah (booth)

“...On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. Celebrate this as a festival to the LORD for seven days each year...Live in booths for seven days”



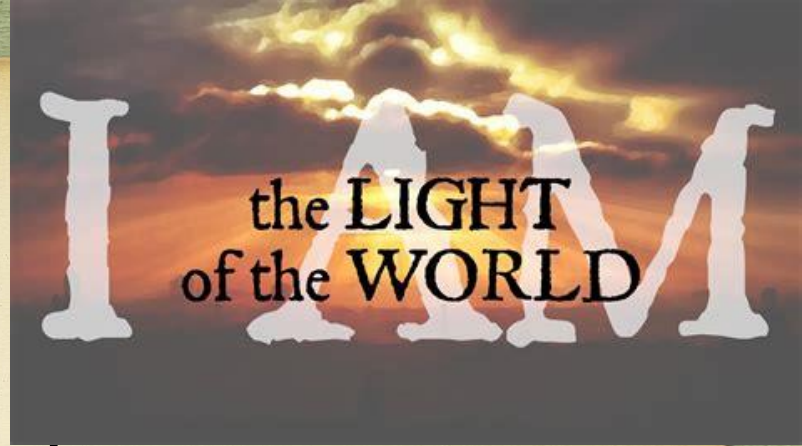
What ceremony were part of the feast?

- Water Libation (pouring) ceremony
 - Water drawn from the pool of Siloam
 - Procession entered by water gate
 - Circled the alter once each day & 7 times on last day
 - Wine (drink offering) and water were poured into two silver bowls at base of alter – music & singing psalms
 - The Pool of Siloam became known as the “well of salvation,” associated with the Messianic age (Isa 12:3)
 - On the last day of the feast, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.



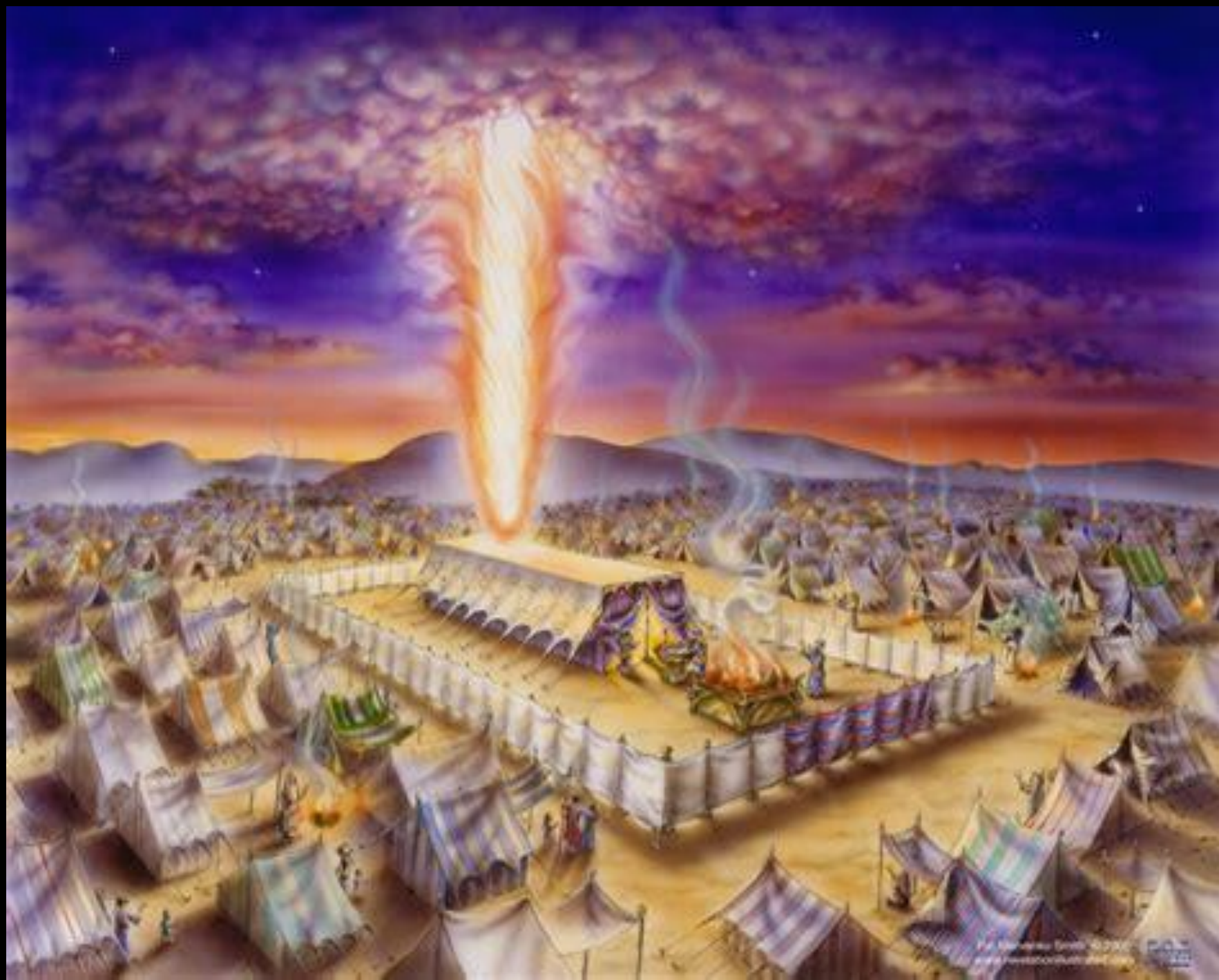
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- Illumination of the temple ceremony
 - Four 75 foot candelabra stood within the Court of the Women – 4 bowls each
 - 10 gallons of oil was placed in each of 16 bowls and lit
 - Sitting on the temple mount – the glow could be seen throughout the entire city of Jerusalem
 - The light was to remind the people of when God's glory had once filled the temple and offered hope that a time would come when that glory would return

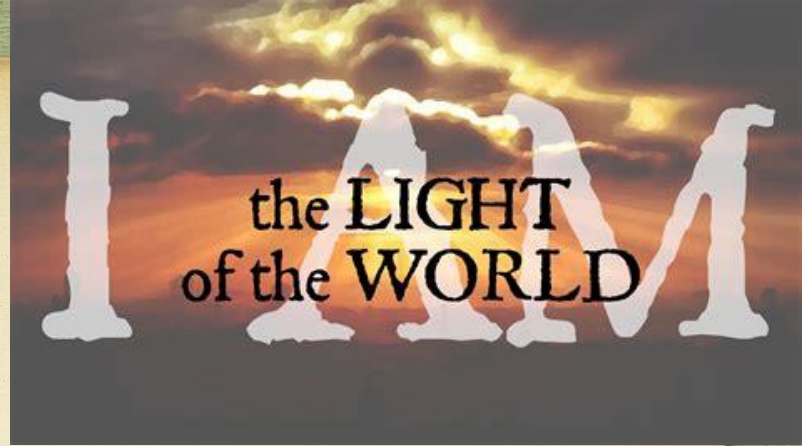








John 8:12 - Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



- Within this backdrop, Jesus said "I am the light of the world"
- This refers back to John 1:4-5 - In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- Jesus is making several claims about himself

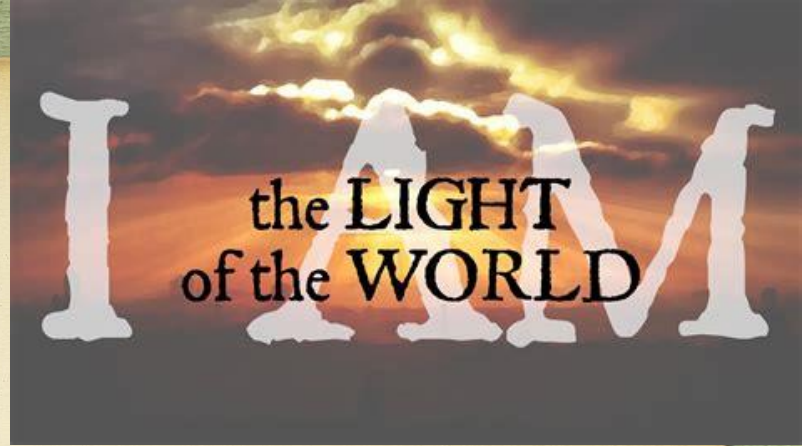
First, “I am the light of the world” - this was a claim that he was God himself

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? - Psm 27:1
- The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. - Isa 60:19
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Second, “I am the light of the world” – claims to be the prophesied Messiah.

- Prophets pictured the world and Israel in darkness – because of their sin
- But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. – Mal 4:2
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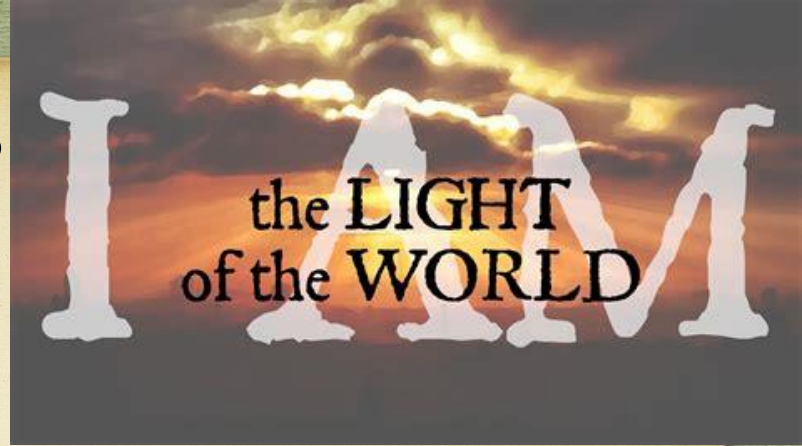
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- Zechariah – John the Baptist father – prophesized
- And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,...because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” – Lk 1:76,78-79



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- People must attach themselves to Jesus to belong to the Father.
- “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.—
Isa 42:6-7



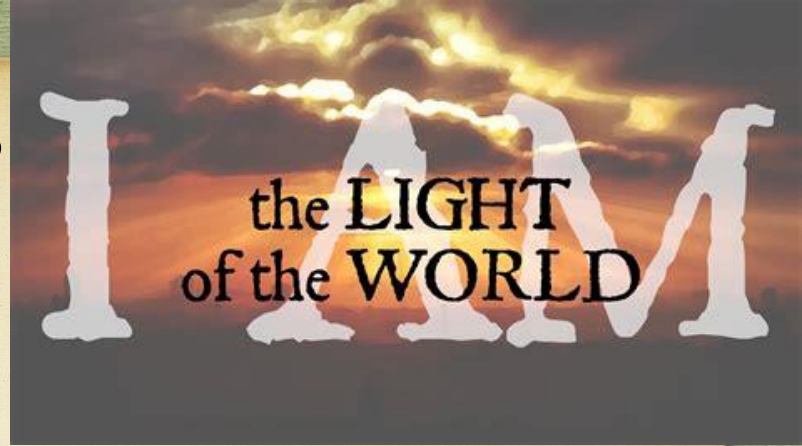
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- he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” - Isa 49:6



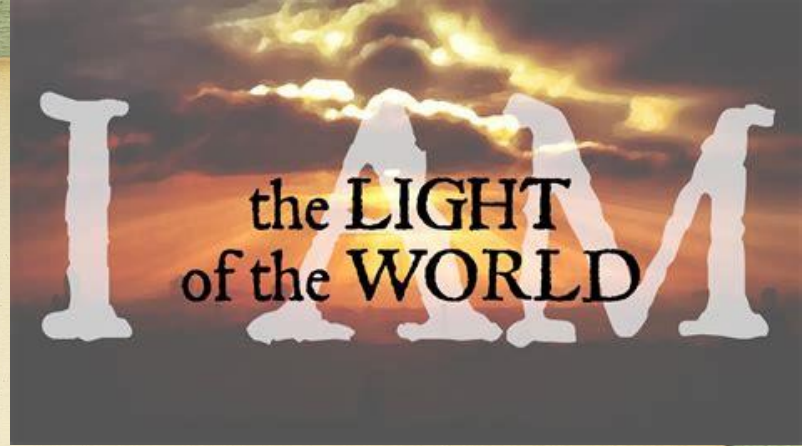
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- What does Jesus claim for his followers?
- Following Jesus parallels the imagery of the Israelites followed God in the pillar of fire
- Those who follow Jesus have the light of life to walk by
- Jesus says you will possess the light – have relationship
- Following Jesus means attaching yourself to Jesus - going where he goes, believing what he teaches, and doing what he says.



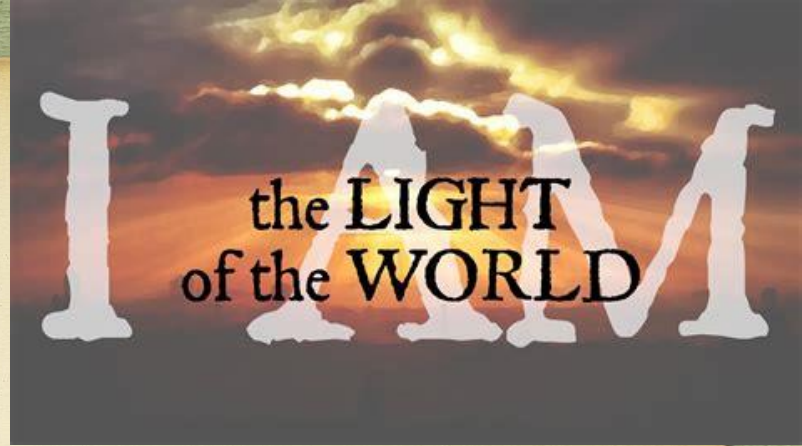
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- Again the Pharisees challenge Jesus
- Jesus – you are bearing witness about yourself – not true
- Law required two witnesses or more (Deut. 17:6; 19:15)
- Jesus has already outlined his witnesses in John 5
 - Jesus works are a witness (5:36)
 - The Father's witness (5:37-38)
 - The Scripture's witness (5:39-44)
 - Moses' witness (5:45-47)



John 8:13-20 - What Jesus says to those that do not follow him

- Again the Pharisees challenge Jesus
- Jesus reply – The father bears witness about me
- Jesus' teaching and authority comes from the Father
- Jesus teachings are matching the teachings of the Father
- These are the only two witnesses that are needed – the Father and the Son
- The Pharisees are failing to recognize the truth of Jesus' words. Jesus' words are valid because they are in conformity to the mission given to him by the Father.



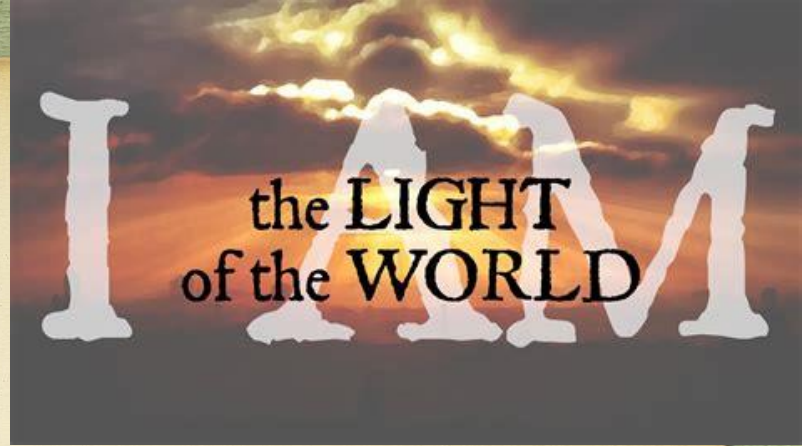
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- They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” (19)
- “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”
- Jesus says “You judge according to the flesh” (15)
- Jesus did not come to judge but to save (3:17)
- They have not been listening to anything Jesus said
- If they knew Jesus – they would know exactly who the Father was and that the Father sent him
- The only way to know the Father is to know Jesus



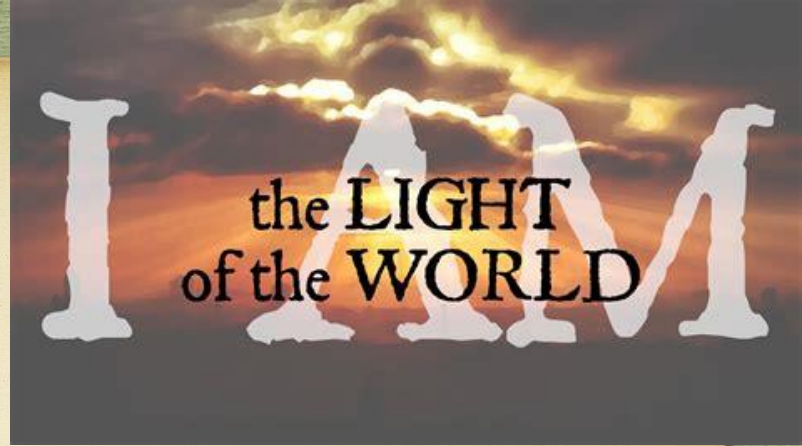
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- Father’s witness by the signs (miracles) - (5:37; He. 2:4; 1 Jn. 5:6–12).
- If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son...And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. - 1 John 5:9,11



John 8:13-20 - What Jesus says to those that do not follow him

- How do you know Jesus?
- You get to know Jesus by following him.
- What did Jesus say to every person who came to him?
- Come and follow me.
- Let me lead your life in this world of darkness.
- Don't follow your own path. You are in darkness.
- Jesus is the light that leads you to the Father
- True belief is to follow Jesus. Jesus is the light!



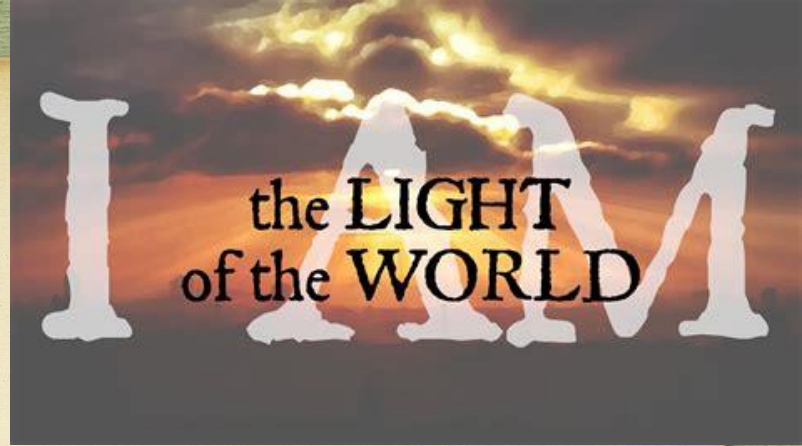
Sean's Thoughts -

Jesus proclaims he is the light to everyone, which is very encouraging. He rebukes the Pharisees for their disbelief, they should know better.

He gives the ultimate witness with the Father. And then rebukes them further because they don't know him or the Father. They ignored all the signs that they had taught for years.



John 8:20 - 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



- This was probably in the women's court (cf. Mark 12:41–42). - Jesus was not arrested
- Jesus was working on God's time schedule to accomplish the Father's will
- In John 9 – Jesus will heal the blind man (give light)
- Jesus is the light – we are to walk in the light and follow Him completely