

SERIES: WHO IS JESUS?  
He Is The Light of the World  
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To know who Jesus is we must fix our eyes on him (Hebrews 12:2)

- I. What Is Light?
  - It dispels darkness
  - It illuminates things so we can see clearly
  - It removes the fear that darkness can bring
  - It enables us to distinguish the good from the bad, the safe from the harmful
- II. Jesus claimed to be the Light of the World
  - There is darkness in the world without Christ
  - With Jesus' light we have abundant life – the enlightened life:
    - We experience his presence
    - We see things as they really are
    - We learn how to live and respond like Jesus did
    - We see things about ourselves that need to be changed
    - We learn the truth about God
- III. Jesus told the Pharisees they were using human standards rather than God's standards. God's standards are often opposite of human standards:
  - Agape love
  - The fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
  - Serving others
  - Living in God's presence

<sup>12</sup> Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." <sup>13</sup> The Pharisees replied, "You are making those claims about yourself! Such testimony is not valid."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus told them, "These claims are valid even though I make them about myself. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you don't know this about me. <sup>15</sup> You judge me by human standards, but I do not judge anyone. <sup>16</sup> And if I did, my judgment would be correct in every respect because I am not alone. The Father who sent me is with me. <sup>17</sup> Your own law says that if two people agree about something, their witness is accepted as fact. <sup>18</sup> I am one witness, and my Father who sent me is the other." <sup>19</sup> "Where is your father?" they asked.

Jesus answered, "Since you don't know who I am, you don't know who my Father is. If you knew me, you would also know my Father." <sup>20</sup> Jesus made these statements while he was teaching in the section of the Temple known as the Treasury. But he was not arrested, because his time had not yet come.

*May we let the light of Christ shine upon our own lives, and may we follow God's standards rather than the world's standards.*

*Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World."  
Let his light guide your path.*