

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) Vs 12 The Setting- Feast of Tabernacles
- 2) In the context of a significant ritual, Jesus' declaration of being the light of the world comes with stunning force.
- 3) JESUS is the inexhaustible source of light by which TRUTH can be distinguished ...and by which DIRECTION can be established.
- 4) In the O.T. the Pillar represents 2 significant details-
 - 1) Protected them from those who would destroy them (Ex. 14:19-25)
 - 2) Very presence of God led the people to the promised land
- 5) vs 12 There is an immediate consequence of His capacity as the "Light", He expects those who follow him will be light reflectors.
- 6) In context, the connotation indicates complete submission. God does not accept or expect half-hearted following. Receiving Him as Savior, but not following Him as Lord doesn't work
- 7) If you have been Illuminated by Jesus, you will reflect His light in a dark world.
- 8) vs 13 The Pharisees don't argue about what He's claiming, they debate w/Him over a technicality. His ability to speak as a trustworthy witness. Instead of taking all the evidence into consideration that Jesus' declaration is true... they arbitrarily dismiss him on legality.
- 9) vs 14 Jesus does not call forward mankind to validate him; instead he speaks of the ultimate witness as Himself.
- 10) vs 15 Jesus testimony about himself was accurate because He knew his origin and his destiny. The argument he presents is awesome. The First qualification of a witness is that they be a witness—that they must have personally experienced that of which they testify.
- 11) What's the point/purpose of this discourse? - the very coming of Jesus sets individuals into 2 decisive categories based on their acceptance or rejection of him. By his coming, the Father placed Jesus in the position of evaluation so that Jesus' role actually was and is part of the Father's judgment or evaluation.
- 12) vs 16 In Reality- there were many others who could give witness for Jesus; John the Baptist, the Twelve, the Samaritan woman, the man at the Pool, the thousands who were fed... all of the individuals who had witnessed Jesus' works,

watched Him in action... who already had declared Him to be God. Yet Jesus does not need man to validate him.

13) vs 19 The Pharisees' question seems to be an intentional insult. In the Middle-East, to question a man's paternity is a definite slur on his legitimacy.

GREEK WORDS USED TODAY

Akoloutheo, ak-ol-oo-theh'-o; (as a particle of union); properly to be in the same way with :- follow
Egō eimi - I AM

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

As we have seen, Jesus is the fundamental source of the illumination, but we are considered the mirrors reflecting Him and showing the world HIS light:

You are the light of the world. **Matthew 5:14**

...for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light **Ephesians 5:8**

For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God (source) in the face of Christ. **2 Corinthians 4:6**

...prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world **Philippians 2:15**

How's the brilliance of your light power holding up? The purpose in being the reflector is that when people see you they will see Jesus.