

- I. Read John 8:12-30
- II. Steve last week in Matthew -> gospel of John asking the question "Who is Jesus?"
 - A. 'but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; John 20:30-31
 - B. Part of John's approach – Biblical Theology
 1. What is BT?
 - a) Focuses on the unified story of Scripture, from creation to new creation, with the climax being Christ
- III. Drama
 - A. BT themes by Chapter
 1. **Chapter 1** – “In the beginning...”, “Lamb of God”; **Chapter 2** – “Temple of His Body”; **Chapter 3** – “As Moses lifted up the serpent...”; **Chapter 4** – “Living Water and worship in the New Covenant vs Old Covenant”; **Chapter 5** – “The Scriptures bear witness to Jesus...”; **Chapter 6** – “Jesus is the True Manna”; **Chapter 7** – “Feast of Booths/Tabernacle - water in the wilderness - Pouring out of the Holy Spirit”
 2. Come to Chapter 8 [[Explain pericope adulterae]]
 - B. **Light** '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 8:12
 1. Light throughout OT [Not Isaiah 9 yet]
 - a) Gen 1:3 – “...let there be light...”
 - (1) John 1:1 – “the Word”
 - b) Ex 25:31-40 – “Golden Lampstand”
 - (1) Symbolized the Tree of Life gave Light
 - (a) John 1:4 “In him was life...light of men”
 - c) Psalms references
 - d) Isaiah references
 2. Light throughout John
 - a) John 1:4; 1:5; 1:9; 3:19-21; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46
 - C. [[Context without pericope adulterae]] John 7
 1. Matt 2:23 – Nazareth a town in Galilee fulfilling the general theme from the prophets of the “servant” would be despised and of humble origins
 - a) John 1:46 Nathanael – “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” [think North Jersey]
 - b) John 7 concludes with confusion “Is the Christ to come from Galilee?” and anger from Pharisees “...Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.” John 7:52 **ESV**
 - (1) Forgot Jonah
 2. Isaiah 9 -- Well known “Christmas” passage

- a) Ch. 8 the Coming Assyrian Invasion – Kings series: nation was a mess, God sends into exile
- (1) God preserving a remnant but the hardened nation, “...will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.” Isaiah 8:21-22
 - (a) Hardening
 - (2) “But...” Isaiah 9:1 – ‘But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.’ Isaiah 9:1
 - (a) Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Search and see no prophet arises from Galilee...
 - (3) “...the latter time...” has come Isaiah 9:2 -- ‘The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.’ Isaiah 9:2
 - (a) Can anything good...no prophet arises...
 - (b) Jesus - “I am the light of the world!” Your bias of Galilee in blinding you to the scriptures. You’re walking in darkness, follow me and have the “light of life”
3. [[Context with Pericope Adulterae]]
- a) The woman who knew darkness, gloom, anguish, distress is brought to the light.
 - (1) “Go and sin no more”
 - b) Those whose hearts are hard slither back into the darkness
- D. Facepalm – So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” John 8:13 ESV
1. Gotcha! – If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. John 5:31 ESV
 - a) This again??
 - b) John 5 Bill walked through 5 witnesses concerning Jesus being who he says he is
- E. Try it again – Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. John 8:14 ESV
1. When something is true, it’s true regardless of 0 - 1,000 witnesses

- a) It may not hold up in court without corroboration, but doesn't make it any less true
- F. In Darkness – You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 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. - John 8:15-20 ESV
 - 1. Remembering back to John 3, Nicodemus came to Jesus at night (from darkness)
 - a) Need to be born again
 - 2. John 3:16-17
 - a) Jesus, at this time, is not judging
 - b) "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." John 3:19 ESV
- G. Pharisee confusion – So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'" John 8:21-22 ESV
 - 1. Going to the presence of the Father
 - 2. They don't understand
 - a) Like Nicodemus couldn't understand
- H. Theme recap – He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." As he was saying these things, many believed in him. - John 8:23-30 ESV
 - 1. Making Judgments
 - a) Rightly evaluating their status
 - 2. Reoccurring Themes

- a) Only those born of the Spirit (from above); those who the Father draws – but they're held responsible; die in their sins -- wrath of God remains on them [cf. John 3]

(1) Difficult but compatible truths

IV. Doctrine

A. Teach about God

1. Jesus is the light

- a) Life, blessing, hope, knowledge of God

B. Teach about Us

1. We're called to come to the light

- a) All of Grace

V. Doxology - Discipleship

A. Our worship

1. **And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. Revelation 21:22-23**

- a) Gloom, anguish, despair are associated with the darkness

(1) Trials come, afflictions, suffering, betrayals, – look to the light who is Jesus

(a) Mine are tears in times of sorrow, Darkness not yet understood, Through the valley I must travel, Where I see no earthly good; But mine is peace that flows from heaven, And the strength in times of need, I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes his work in me

B. What should we do?

1. Prayer

2. Follow

- a) **God's Holiness** - 'This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.' 1 John 1:5-6 ESV
- b) **Sanctification** - 'At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.' 1 John 2:8-11 ESV

VI. Greece

- A. Christ is THE light, Christ “clothed in his Gospel” is the life, blessing, hope of the world
 - 1. Isaiah 49:6
- B. In Christ, we are the light of the world (Matt 5)
- C. Video

Don't need Slides

Light Scriptures:

' Send out your **light** and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!' Psalms 43:3

' Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord , in the **light** of your face,' Psalms 89:15

Your *word* is a lamp to my feet and a **light** to my path.
Psalms 119:105 ESV

The unfolding of your *words* gives **light**; it imparts understanding to the simple.
Psalms 119:130 ESV

[[Servant Song](#)] "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,' Isaiah 42:6

[[Servant Song](#)] 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." Isaiah 49:6

Isaiah 60 passages