

Gospel of John: “I am the Light of the world”

John 8:12

1. How does the OT (Hebrew thought) use the concept of ‘light’ when speaking about the LORD (YHWH)? (Ex. 13:21; Ps. 27:1; 36:9; Isa. 60:19)
2. What other attributes does John connect with ‘light’ in relation to Jesus? (John 1:4; 5:26)
3. How does Jesus describe His very exclusive claim? (John 8:12; 9:5; 12:35-36; 12:46)
4. What was John the Baptist role in the coming of Messiah? (1:6-8; cf. 5:35)
5. How are we to become children of light? (1:9; cf. 8:12; 12:36)
6. How does the story in chapter 9 of John illustrate our need for the light of Christ?
7. How does John use “light” to express his view of salvation? (1:5; 3:19-20; 8:12; 12:35, 46)
8. What is John’s understanding of sin based on these verses? (12:36, 46)
9. How does the light expose those who accept or reject its illumination concerning judgement? (3:19-21)
10. How do light and darkness function as indexes to human character in these 3 cases?
Nicodemus (3:20), the Jews (9:40; 11:10) and Judas (13:30)
11. How does John express his ethics? (8:12; 12:35)
12. How might one today communicate the Biblical idea of light in a world that sees light simply as a physical phenomena?