

The Answer Is Right In Front Of You

John 7:31-53

Those not looking for Christ will not recognize Him

A. Consider The Miracles (7:31-32)

- 1. Their testimony (7:31)**
- 2. Their threat (7:32)**

B. Consider The Time (7:33-36)

- 1. Is running out (7:33-34)**
 - a. For Christ physically (v 33)**
 - b. For them spiritually (v 34)**
- 2. Their lack of understanding (7:35-36)**

Isaiah 55:6

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C The Claim Of Christ (7:37-39)

- 1. Christ – The Promise God Would Answer Their Prayer**
- 2. Christ – The Person God Sent To Answer Their Prayer**
- 3. Christ – The Presence Of God In The Answered Prayer**

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D. The Contrasting Responses (7:40-52)

- 1. The Convinced (7:40) – Close but wrong**
- 2. The Correct (7:41a)**
- 3. The Contrary (7:41b-42)**
- 4. The Combative (7:43-44)**
- 5. The Confused (7:45-46)**
- 6. The Conceited (7:47-49, 52)**
- 7. The Concerned (7:50-51)**

E. The Conclusion (7:53)

I Am The Light Of The World
John 8:1-20

The Light Of Christ Is An Everlasting Light

I. A Pattern Seen (8:1-2)

A. A different place than man (8:1)

John 8:1

Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

I. A Pattern Seen (8:1-2)

B. A distinct purpose (8:2)

John 8:2

And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

I. A Pattern Seen (8:1-2)

B. A distinct purpose (8:2)

1. God's Word kept

Leviticus 23:39

Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the **eighth day shall be a sabbath.**

(Shemini Atzeret = Eighth Pause)

2. God's Word taught

II. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11)

A. The Problem Presented (8:3-6)

1. An intriguing event (vv3-4)

John 8:3-4

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

II. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11)

A. The Problem Presented (8:3-6)

2. An inciting request (vv 5-6)

John 8:5-6

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

II. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11)

B. Their problem neglected (8:7-9)

John 8:7-9

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

II. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11)

B. Their Problem Neglected (8:7-9)

1. They were violating the law themselves

Leviticus 20:10

And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

II. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11)

B. Their Problem Neglected (8:7-9) - continued

2. They were facing the law's judgment themselves

Matthew 7:1-3

7 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

II. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11)

C. The Point Made (8:10-11)

John 8:10-11

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

II. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11)

C. The Point Made (8:10-11) - continued

1. God will have mercy

Exodus 33:19

And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

II. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11)

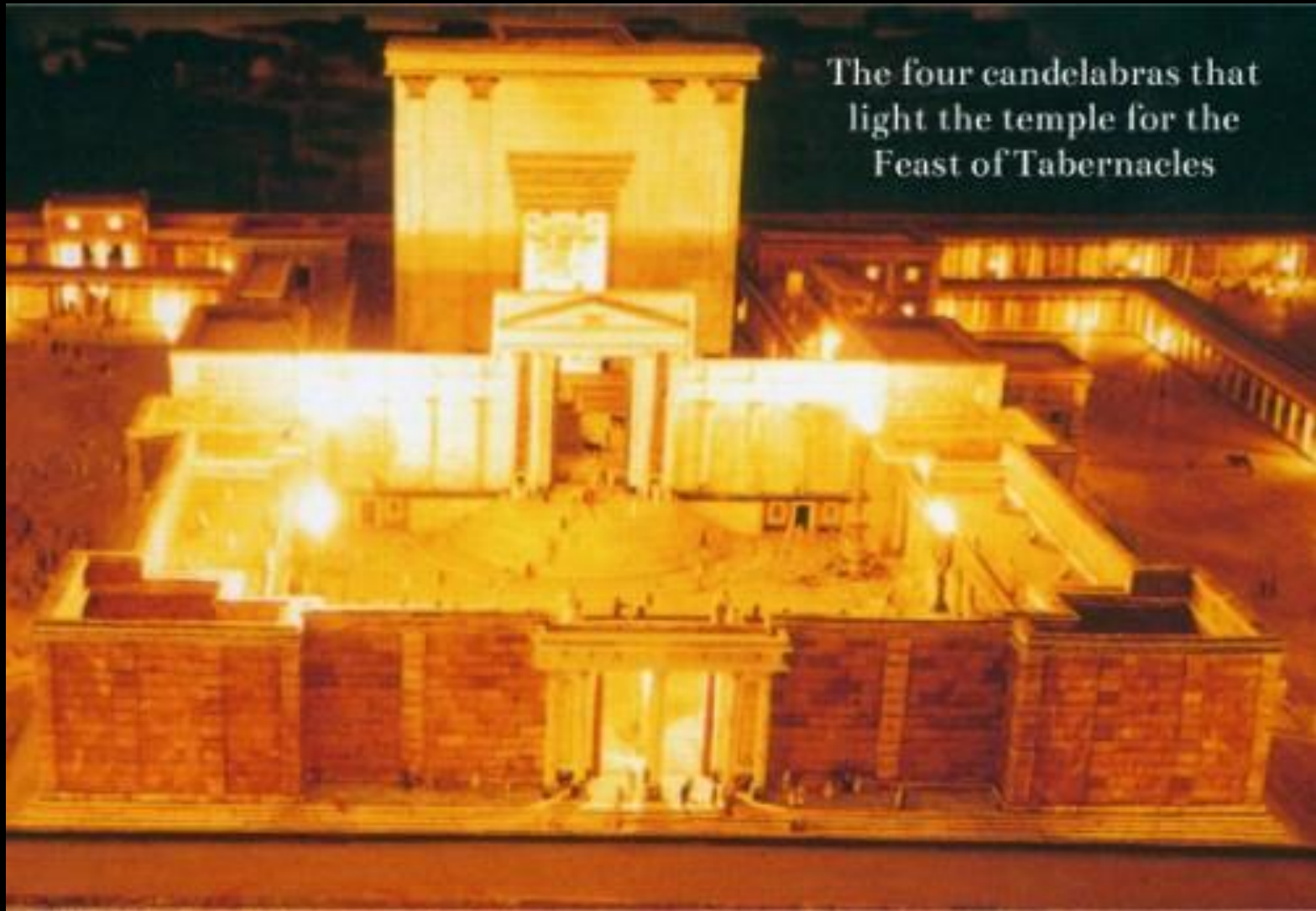
C. The Point Made (8:10-11) - continued

2. God's mercy should be heeded

Matthew 9:13

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

The four candelabras that
light the temple for the
Feast of Tabernacles



III. The Proclamation of The Savior (8:12-20)

A. The Declaration Of Christ (8:12)

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

B. The Denial By The Pharisees (8:13)

John 8:13

The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

III. The Proclamation of The Savior (8:12-20)

C. The Defense By Christ (8:14-18)

- 1. You deny my origin because it is beyond you
(vv 14-15)**

John 8:14-15

14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

III. The Proclamation of The Savior (8:12-20)

C. The Defense By Christ (8:14-18) - continued

2. You deny my truth and my Father (v 16)

John 8:16

And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

3. You deny the law of God (vv 17-18)

John 8:17-18

17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

III. The Proclamation of The Savior (8:12-20)

D. The Determination Of Christ (8:19-20)

John 8:19-20

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

Are You Walking In Your Light Or God's Light?