

Scripture: John 7.6-8, 16-24, 37-44

Memory Verse: John 7.38

Word Cloud: *Light* or *Light of the World*

## **What is light? What does light do for us?**

The first form of light was fire. Until the introduction of electricity and the light bulb, fire was the primary source of warmth and light.

Light does a lot of things for us. Ever noticed the moon on a dark night? It illuminates a lot more than you think. Ever took a flashlight into a dark room? It makes things easy to see and visible. The headlights on our cars and trucks illuminate the path for us to be able to drive at night.

Light shows us the way. It illuminates our paths. Light makes the darkness go away.

In lots of passages, Jesus is referred to as the *Light of the World*. He is the light that should guide our way. He is the path that we should follow. Just like the lights we use everyday, we should let Jesus and His Word guide our lives every day.

**1 John 1.6-7** says *If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

**So who is Jesus? He is our light.**

## **What about water? What does water do for us?**

Water covers 75% of this planet. Our own bodies are about 66% water. Every liquid we drink, from Coca-Cola to Coffee to Fruit Juice is mostly water. Water sustains our lives. You can go a while without food, but you can't go long without water.

**John 8.37-39** says *On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

Why would Jesus say "Let him come to me and drink"?

Where does it say they were? They were at a big Jewish feast called the Feast of Booths. And every day, Jewish priests would come with a golden pitcher and pour

water on the altar. It was kind of a custom. A lot of people believe that this was what was being done as Jesus said these words. It gave the people a visual. It gave them an example to look at.

Water brings life, and it sustains us, it keeps us alive.

Jesus is that living water which keeps us alive and strong. He sustains our spiritual lives so that we may get to heaven.

**But sometimes this message isn't so clear to all of us.**

**John 7.40-44** says *When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." <sup>41</sup> Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? <sup>42</sup> Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" <sup>43</sup> So there was a division among the people over him. <sup>44</sup> Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.*

Why were these people confused? Because they thought the Messiah, the Savior of the World, the *Son of God* couldn't possibly come from a place like Galilee. Galilee was not a very good place to be from. It was kind of a bad area. The Jews were expecting him to come some really glamorous place like Jerusalem or Judah.

But we're not confused. We have the whole Bible in front of us. Jesus was from Bethlehem, he was born there. But he spent most of His time in Galilee.

These people had a choice. They could believe in Jesus, that he was the actual Son of God and that he'd come to die for their sins, or they could simply not believe.

What will you do with Jesus? Will you believe Him? Will you believe what His Word says? Will you follow Him when the going gets tough, or will you just follow Him when things are easy. The same choice is yours.