

The Breakthrough Point

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I. Introduction. Text: John 8:12-30.

II. Jesus is the light of the world.

A. Jesus promises that if a believer stays with Him, He will give light to his path.

B. The Lord understands life and can help us to distinguish between what is true and false--what death is and what life is.

C. The light that He gives us becomes light to others as well.

D. Ignorance and pride keep people from the light.

1. Jesus was being rejected because of a narrow set of data.

2. One may suspend judgment with a lack of evidence, but one should not reject.

3. Jesus has more information about Himself than others do--people who know who they are always have a sense of confidence.

4. The men were not interested in finding out who Jesus was--they had ample evidence in the Old Testament, but they did not believe the Word.

5. The men judged according to the flesh.

6. The Father bore witness to Jesus through signs, the inner conviction of the heart, and through the fulfillment of Scriptures.

7. Jesus claimed that those who claimed to know God did not really know Him at all. Many just project an idea about God that is not real, so they do not really worship Him either.

8. The men suffer from darkness because of pride.

E. When Jesus is seen on the cross by the eyes of faith, the seer sees Jesus as He really is.

1. It is good to remember the story of the cross.

2. When one remembers the cross, he will remember the awful reality of human depravity, which draws one closer to Jesus as the only way out.

3. The cross allows us to see ourselves as God sees us.

Application questions:

1. When has Jesus revealed light into a particular matter in which you needed understanding?
What did you learn from this experience?

2. What evidence is there to support Jesus claim about His special identity and relationship with God?

3. Why is it important for the believer to reflect upon the cross on a daily basis?
