

## John 8:12-20

**John 8:12-14** – *“(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. (13) The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. (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.”*

- A. Jesus was the light of the world (**John 9:1-5** and **John 12:35-36**).
  - 1. The light shines through the written word of God (**Psalms 119:105**, **Psalms 119:130**, and **II Corinthians 4:4**).
  - 2. We also, through patterning our lives after Christ (**Ephesians 5:8**, **I Peter 2:21-23**, **I John 1:7**, and **I John 2:3-6**), are lights in this world (**Matthew 5:14-16** and **Philippians 2:15-16**).
  - 3. While the word of God and faithful Christians are lights in this world, Jesus alone was THE LIGHT (**John 1:1-9**) that came into the world (**Matthew 4:13-17**; cf. **Isaiah 9:1-3**).
- B. Jesus is charged as being false because He bore record of Himself (**John 8:54**).
  - 1. Tooting one's own horn is not a good thing (**Proverbs 27:2** and **II Corinthians 10:18**).
  - 2. Yet, Jesus is not bearing witness of Himself without the evidence supplied by others (**John 5:31-47**, **John 10:24-27**, and **I John 5:7**).
  - 3. Some falsely think that Jesus emptied Himself of being God and had to learn like a common man. Jesus did not need to learn, for He knew where He was from and where He was headed back to (**John 16:28**).

**John 8:15-18** – *“(15) Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. (16) And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. (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.”*

- A. Jesus did not judge carnally as did these Jews (**I Samuel 16:7** and **John 7:24**).
  - 1. The judgment of Christ was true (**Psalms 19:9**).
  - 2. The judgment of Christ was in agreement with the Father (**John 10:30** and **John 14:9-11**).
  - 3. Jesus was here doing the will of His Father (**John 5:30**, **John 6:38**, and **John 8:28**).
- B. Jesus establishes a point by using the law of two witnesses (**Deuteronomy 17:6** and **Matthew 18:16**).
  - 1. The Father was a witness for the identity of Christ (**Matthew 17:1-5** and **I John 5:9-11**).
  - 2. Peter wrote of the “Transfiguration”, wherein God that Father acted as a witness for Christ (**II Peter 1:16-21**).

**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.”

A. The question, “where is thy Father” shows they don’t know God the Father or the Son (**John 15:20-21** and **John 16:1-3**).

1. Had they known Jesus, they would have also known the Father (**John 14:6-7** and **II John 9**).

2. Those who did not honor Christ were dishonoring the Father (**John 5:23**).

B. Jesus was teaching these things in the treasury within the temple where tithes would have been given and stored (**Joshua 6:19** and **Nehemiah 13:12-13**).

1. Jesus uses the treasury as a place of teaching other times as well (**Mark 12:41-43**).

2. During this trip to the temple our Lord’s hour had not yet come. His “hour” that will come refers to His departure out of this world (**John 13:1-3** and **John 17:1-3**).