



## *Lost in the Dark | John 8:12-30*

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In another encounter with the Jewish religious leaders, Jesus declared Himself to be "the light of the world." During the ensuing conversation with the Jewish religious leaders, Jesus revealed the blind and lost condition of those who remain in darkness.

### **Background: Light and Darkness in the Bible**

#### **1. The Declaration of Jesus (8:12)**

#### **2. The Defense of the Jewish religious leaders (8:13-20)**

#### **3. The Decision (Verdict) of Jesus (8:21)**

#### **4. The Dissent of the Jewish religious leaders (8:22-27)**

#### **5. The Destination (Goal) of Jesus (8:28-30)**

#### **Questions to Consider**

1. Besides the verses mentioned in the sermon, what are some Bible verses in which light and darkness are used to teach spiritual lessons? How do light and darkness reflect the condition of the human heart?
2. What part of the celebration of the Feast of Booths may have prompted Jesus to declare, "I am the light of the world"?
3. Read Ephesians 5:1-12. What is the application of light and darkness to the lives of those who are trusting in Jesus Christ? In what way(s) do you need to be more diligent about avoiding darkness and walking in the light?
4. What are some of the differences between making true judgments (8:15) and judging according to the flesh? How might believers in Jesus Christ fall back into making fleshly judgments?
5. What's the irony in John 8:20?
6. How would Jesus being "lifted up" (8:28) enhance the full disclosure of His identity?