

Following Jesus
32, The Light of the World
John 8-9

I. Message

a. **The proclamation – 8:12**

i. 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.”

1. Jesus is clearly speaking here in a spiritual sense
2. And His reference is in line with Messianic prophecy
3. Isaiah referenced in **Matthew 4:16**
4. Zacharias (John the Baptist’s dad) in **Luke 1:76-79**
5. Simeon in **Luke 2:29-32**
6. The Jews clearly understand that the Messiah was going to bring spiritual light
 - a. Isaiah – light that brings spiritual life
 - b. Zacharias – light that brings peace to the broken relationship between God and man
 - c. Simeon – a light available to all people!

b. **The proof – 9:1-24**

- i. What happens now in John 9 is an amazing follow-up
- ii. **John 9:1-7, 24-25**
- iii. Jesus brings light to a dark world
 1. The blind can now see – physical healing
 2. And those in spiritual darkness can be ushered into the light
 3. Jesus was after the heart of this man more than his eyes – **John 9:35-38**

c. **The plan – 9:39**

- i. **39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.”**
- ii. “I’m going to turn religion on its head”
 1. The spiritually blind (sinners) will be made welcome and forgiven
 2. The spiritually seeing (religious people) will be left confused and wandering in darkness!
 - a. Here is how the Apostle John described Jesus – **John 1:1-12**
 - i. Jesus was about having people BELIEVE
 - ii. It was spiritual life that Jesus wanted to give
 - iii. But so many would rather walk in darkness – **John 12:35-46**

II. Applications

- a. **Receive** – Have you believed in the life-giving Light of Jesus or are you blind?
 - i. 2 Corinthians 4:4-6
 - ii. Do you know God through Jesus?
 - iii. That is His plan

- b. **Reside** – Are you walking in the light, living the life-giving ways of Jesus?
 - i. Ephesians 5:8-14
 - ii. Colossians 1:12-13
 - iii. 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8
 - iv. 1 John 1:5-7

- c. **Reflect** – Are you clearly shining the light of Jesus on others? – 1 Peter 2:9