Scripture: John 8:1- 12 & 12:35-50

Singing: 15:1-3 – 1:2, 3 – 293:1-3 – 179:1-4 – 365:1-4

Intro: How do you read the Gospel accounts: *biography or ministry?*

**Light of World**

I. A Hope-Giving revelation II. A wide-open Invitation

**I. Jesus’ Hope-giving Revelation**

A. When did Jesus give this revelation of Himself?

 1.After a night of feasting (see John 7)

 2.After dealing with a *guilty & humiliated woman* (vs. 4)

B. Why did He compare Himself to *Light*?

 1. Because nothing is more *vital for our world than light*

 2. Because as sun in the morning, so His coming is light in our darkness

 a. consider John 3:18; 12:46-47

 3. Because His deeds are as a bright and refreshing light of love

 4. Because His teachings about *salvation* are brightest light of hope!

 a. He came *not to be ministered unto but to minister Himself as the ransom for many sinners* (Matt. 20:28)

 b. He is the *Righteousness of God* for bankrupt sinners

 c. His death in the darkness of the cross is the *Light of hope*

**II. A wide-open Invitation**

A. This invitation will mean little or nothing to you if still spiritually blind

 1. Look in the mirror of God’s law: *Love Him and your neighbor?*

 2. Listen to charges you face: *You come short of the glory of God*

 3. Hear the sentence: *the wages of sin is death!*

 4. Hear the reality: *the wrath of God is abiding on you!*

B. Are you asking: **What must I do then to be saved?**

 1. Jesus answer: *follow me for I am the LIGHT of the World!*

 a. what is to *follow Him?* (John 12:46)

 2. What are you to believe then? In what am I to follow Him?

 a. that you believe that Jesus is the I AM (John 8:24)

 b. that you trust in His Person and Work as *Savior and Mediator*

C. Consider His promise: *shall not walk in darkness but have light of life!*

 1. Light of life is nothing less that *eternal life*

 a. that is to be *freed from bondage and burden of sin* (vs. 32, 35)

**Application**: *How will you respond to His sermon?*

A. Review His message:

 1. I didn’t come to condemn you though guilty

 2. I am the Light of salvation to bring you out of darkness of misery

 3. I plead with you to follow Me for your life with God

B. Be warned: *Then Jesus said unto them: Yet a little while is the light with*

*you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for that that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.* John 12:35-36