

Dealing with Doubt

John 8:12-30

Stumbling about in the dark...

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going." ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgement is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." ²⁵ So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." ³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

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After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

1. Jesus is the Light of the World (v12)

2. ...but many resist his light (v13-20)¹

3. ...and face eternal darkness (v21-26)²

4. ...and so at the cross he will shine even more brightly (v27-30)³

Next Week: Thursday only
12:15pm (Idea Store), 1.15pm (Barge)
Series: Diamond Jubilee
Talk: Long live the King! (Psalm 72)
Speaker: Alan Johns

¹ John 3:19; 3:2.

² Matthew 25:30.

³ John 12:32-33; Isaiah 53:3; John 14:22; 17:1; Romans 8:19.