

Questions Week of 9/22/2014

I AM the Light of the World

Read John 7:1-17; 37-39. The context for this week's study is the Feast of Tabernacles which ended with two dynamic rituals. One, a ritual of water pouring to symbolize the blessing of rain to the harvest and the other was the lighting of two huge golden candelabra in the temple symbolizing the pillar of fire that led the children of Israel in their wilderness wanderings

1. In Jn 7:37-39, what is the announcement Jesus makes about Himself on the last day of the feast?

2. Read John 8:12 which also comes on the last day of the Feast. One commentator wrote, "*John 8:12 is a grand text because the words are so simple that even a child can grasp their meaning, yet they express realities so profound, the most educated may ponder them.*" (See also Jn 1:4,9)
 - a. What are the realities you ponder from Jesus' proclamation that He is the Light of the World?

 - b. What action is the result of believing what Jesus said? (v12)

 - c. What does it mean to "Follow Jesus" and "Not to walk in darkness"?

3. When Jesus says in Jn 8:53-59 "...before Abraham was, I am" why did the Pharisees want to stone Him? What must that statement mean? (John 8:53-59)

4. How did the following groups of people react to Jesus' statement?
 - *The People (John 1:5; 3:19-20)*

 - *Israel (2 Cor 3:14-15)*

 - *Jewish Leaders Jn 3:10; Jn 9:40-41)*

 - *Unbelievers (1 Cor 2:14)*

5. Read John 8:56-9:8 and Luke 24:44-48. From these two scriptures:
 - a. *What has to happen for a person to "see the light"?*

 - b. *What is your reaction to Jesus' claim "I Am the Light of the World?"*

6. *Read 1 Jn 1:5-9 and Mat 7:14. What do these verses say and what do they mean to you personally?*