



Calvary of Albuquerque

Step Into Son-Light - John 1:6-13

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

I love early mornings when sunlight first comes up over the eastern sky. But if you've ever had the experience of the sun suddenly shining into your eyes (like when you turn westward while the sun is going down), it's not so pleasant. Most people wince when light is shined in their eyes. Jesus is presented here as being "the light of men" and "shining in darkness". But the world cries out, "Turn off that light!" How can Jesus enlighten your life and how will you respond to Him?

OUTLINE

I. The Light was Represented (vss. 6-8)

A. The Messenger John

B. The Mission of John

II. The Light was Rejected (vss. 9-11)

A. By His Own Creation

B. By His Own Clan

III. The Light was Received (vss. 12-13)

A. Became God's Children

B. Born of God



Questions for an EnLIGHTening Discussion:

1. What was one of the scariest experiences you've ever had in the dark? Why? How is light helpful to your daily life?
2. How is rejecting Christ like living in darkness? What's the solution?
3. Talk about the benefits of being a "Child of God". What are the privileges of this? What about the responsibilities?

DETAILED NOTES

I. The Light was Represented (vss. 6-8)

A. The Messenger John- John the Baptist

1. Sent from God
2. 1st prophet to speak in 400 years
3. Last OT prophet, 1st NT evangelist (Is. 40:3, Mal 3:1)
4. Born Miraculously
5. Filled with Holy Spirit from womb
6. Greatest person who ever lived Mt. 11:11
7. Performed the greatest job ever

B. The Mission of John- telling people to step into the light

1. Witness John the apostle summons to court - John the Baptist is the first of 8 witnesses in the book.
2. Light - metaphor
 - a. Physically, speaks for God's Glory, the heavens declare the glory of God. Jesus embodies the glory of God in human form. Heb 1:3
 - b. Intellectually, speaks of knowledge of God, ultimate knowledge, omniscience
 - c. Morally, speaks of holiness - unapproachable light, morally perfect, pure, holy

II. The Light was Rejected (vss. 9-11)

A. By His Own Creation

1. Didn't recognize Him
2. Consistently get the identity of Christ Wrong
 - a. In the past (John 7 good man, deceiver Mt. 16, John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, prophet, John 6 earthly king, Luke 23 tax evader, John 10 has a demon, Mark 3 out of his mind)

- b. In the present (magician, zealot, guru, world traveler, husband of Mary Magdalene, illiterate from low caste of artisans, code name for hallucinogenic mushroom, resurrection a result of alien cloning.)

B. By His Own Clan

- 1. own (masculine referring to his people)
- 2. Talmud (illegitimate son of Mary, Panthera magical arts)
- 3. shouted "Crucify Him!"

The Hand he created drove nails into His hands and nailed Him to the cross.

III. The Light was Received (vss. 12-13)

The world didn't want Him, the nation didn't want him, do you?

A. Became God's Children

- 1. receive/believe
- 2. Not born a child of God, become one
- 3. Born again John 3:16

B. Born of God

- 1. Majority is wrong
- 2. Minority receive Him
- 3. 1 John 5:19

Publications Referenced: "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," by Harold S. Kushner.

Greek Terms: ginóskó (to come to know, recognize, perceive)

Cross References: Isaiah 40:3, Malachi 3:1, John 3:17, 1 Timothy 6:16, Hebrews 1:3, 1 John 5:19