“If You Knew Me, You Would Know My Father”

Intro: In this morning’s text, we read as taught of Himself saying, “I am ______ of the world...”

A. If you have not come to _______ this truth, then at this very moment determine to _______ intently with a desire to come to the Light, and upon hearing the truth of God’s Word, believe that Jesus is the Christ, _______ Him as your Savior and Lord, for He is the Savior and Lord!

B. If you have already come to believe the truth of Christ, having received Him as the Savior and Lord He is, then determine to listen intently that the light of this truth will shine brighter and brighter within you, that you might _______ _____ _____ _____ and Lord all the more.

I. Jesus continued to _______ to the people (men and women) _______ within the temple complex, as He “spoke in the treasury”. (cf. vss. 12 & 20)

A. _______ announced that He is _______ of the world.
   1. In Isaiah 49:6, the prophet records the Lord saying to the Christ, “... I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” In Jesus pronouncing that He is the light of the world, He declared that He is the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy; that _______ _______ _______ _______ of the nations!
   2. Jesus taught the people saying that the one who _______ in Him, following Him as His disciple, shall not walk (live) in darkness (sin) for they shall _______ the light of life. They will know the truth and the truth will set them free from the law of sin and death, as they possess everlasting _______.

II. Afraid that the people might respond to the Lord’s teaching by following Him, the Pharisees immediately sought to _______ His testimony by claiming that His witness about Himself was not true.

A. The Lord maintained that His _______ about Himself was _______. But, having said that, He continued by presenting evidences of the truthfulness of His testimony, revealing the error of their accusation.

B. Jesus presented Himself as uniquely _______ to speak of Himself for He knew where He had been and where He was going, and they didn’t.

C. Jesus told them that their assessment was _______. He previously instructed this _______ not to “judge according to appearance, but [to] judge with righteous judgment” (7:24).

D. Considering what Jesus said: “I am not judging anyone,” Pink wrote, “it is more natural and better suited to the context, to ... understand Christ here to mean, I do not _______ any man after the flesh; when I judge it is according to the _______ and divine principles.”

E. Jesus told the Pharisees that if and when He _______ that His judgement would be legally _______ for He was not alone, but was one with the _______ in His judgement.

F. While the pharisees tried to employ the law to judge Jesus, making Him out to be a liar, He in turn showed that He and the One who sent Him perfectly _______ the requirements of the _______. 
G. Making it clear that His testimony was true and met the standard of the Law Jesus explained that there are _______ who bear witness of Him: 1) _____________ bears witness of Himself; and, 2) The Heavenly ________________ who sent Jesus bears witness of Him.

III. Instead of admitting their fault and repenting of their sin, and instead of fearing the just and true judgement of the Holy God, the Pharisees ___________________ in their effort to ___________ _______ our Lord by questioning Him about His Father.

A. As Jesus pointed out that they had no basis upon which to judge whether or not He spoke the truth since they didn’t know where He had been nor where He was going (vs. 14), here He shows them again that _______ ______________ out of _______________ in their asking where His Father was for they didn ‘t know Jesus nor His Father.

B. The _______________ is crystal- _______________; the Father and the Son are One. If one knows the Son, then they know His Father. And, if one knows the Father, then they know His Son!

1. It is as MacArthur writes, “Those who ___________________ the Son give incontrovertible proof that they _______ __________ ________ the eternal Father.”

C. Here is the ________________ failure: being lost in the __________________ of their sin they refused to come to the light to receive Jesus as the Christ for they did not know His Father.

Closing: As we come near to the end of our time this morning, I ask, “______________ do these things mean _______ ________?”

A. Dear Christian, how shall you __________________ this _______________ that Jesus is the Light of the world to your life? Consider the instruction of Eph 4:17-24, ... If you believe that Jesus is the Light, then glorify Him by walking in the light; __________________ ____________!

1. And, further still, if you believe that Jesus is the Light of the World, then tell the world! Consider your Lord’s instruction! Matt 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 "Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” If you truly believe that Jesus is the Light of the World, then glorify Him by sharing Him. _________________ up ____________ ____________!

B. Lastly, if you do not __________________ that ________________ is the light, then you walk in the darkness of sin and death. Hear the word of the Lord! "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil” (Jo. 3:19).

1. As Jesus said, we encourage you, "For a little while longer the light is among you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness may not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. "While you have the light, ________________ in the light, in order that you may become sons of light” (John 12:35-36). ________________ to the Light while there is still time. Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will come out of the darkness of sin, and being ________________, you will walk in the light!

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