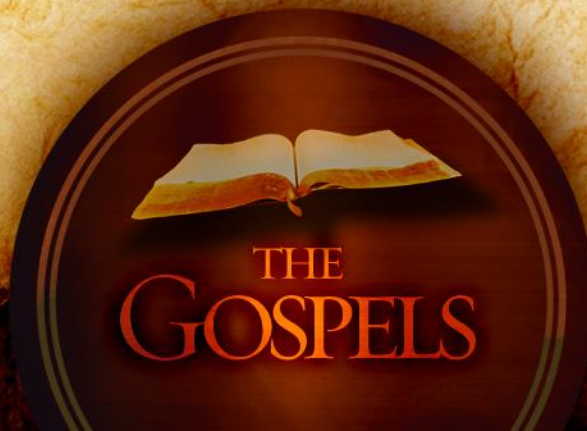




JOHN

Light of the World





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"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, & whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."



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 - B. Period of **Controversy** (chs. 5, 6)
 - C. Period of **Conflict** (7:1-11:53)
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THE CROWD: DIVIDED

Both the pilgrims to and the residents of Jerusalem.

1. He was a good man (12)
2. He was a deceiver / imposter (13)
3. He was demon possessed (13)
4. He was an ordinary man (25-27, 41-42)
5. He was the Prophet (40)
6. He was the Messiah and believed (40, 31)



THE JEWS: FRUSTRATED

They were frustrated by three factors out of their control:

1. By God's time - table (6, 30)
2. By the temple guards (32, 45-49)
3. By Nicodemus (50-52)



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3. The Promise (38)
4. John's Explanation (39)
5. The Promise remains to this day!

EPHESIANS 2:1-3

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"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But . . . God."



“Thou hast made us for Thyself,
and the heart of man is restless
until it finds its rest in Thee.”

Augustine of Hippo

