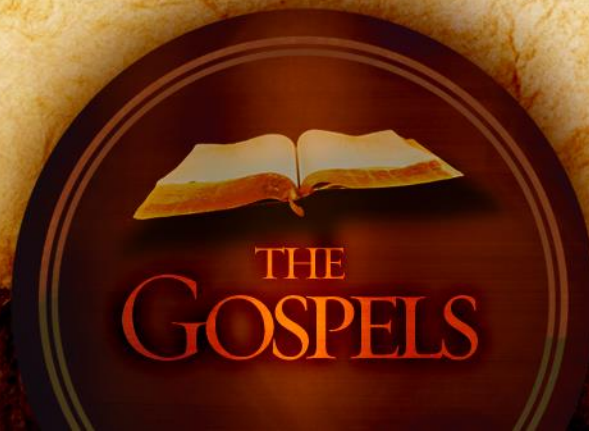




# JOHN

*Light of the World*







## INTRODUCTION:

*Evangelist D. L. Moody, by his own admission, made a mistake on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1871 – a mistake he determined never to repeat.*

*Friend, if you were a victim of a fire like that, would you know with certainty whether you would spend eternity with Christ in heaven? Not **hope** or **wish** or **pray** that you would go there – but know?*





# BACKGROUND and SETTING

## 1. The Background

*The Jewish Feast of Tabernacles; an annual Fall festival commemorating God's protection & provision of Israel during their forty years in the wilderness.*

## 2. The Setting

*The temple treasury, where thirteen trumpet-shaped receptacles sat for contributions (8:20). Each receptacle was small at the tip and bell-shaped at the bottom.*





## JESUS' DECLARATIONS

Jesus claimed . . .

1. . . . to be the light of the world (8:12)
2. . . . a heavenly origin (8:21-23)
3. . . . to be the I AM of his people (8:24, 28)
4. . . . to be the truth which sets men free (8:31-32)
5. . . . for himself a sinless character (8:37)
6. . . . the power to bestow spiritual life (8:51)
7. . . . an eternal existence (8:58)





# JESUS' RECEPTION

1. A lack of knowledge (8:14, 19)



## HOSEA 4:1-3

HOSEA

Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: "There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land. There is only cursing, lying & murder, stealing & adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. Because of this the land mourns, and all who live in it waste away; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the fish of the sea are dying."



## HOSEA 4:1-3

HOSEA

"My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children. The more the priests increased, the more they sinned against me; they exchanged their Glory for something disgraceful. They feed on the sins of my people & relish their wickedness. And it will be: Like people, like priests. I will punish both of them for their ways and repay them for their deeds."





## JESUS' RECEPTION

1. A lack of knowledge (8:14, 19)
2. A lack of perception (8:15, 23)
3. A lack of appropriation (8:37, 43)
4. A lack of desire (8:44-45)
5. A lack of humility (8:52-53)



## PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

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"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."





# FINAL APPLICATION

1. Challenge #1: Trust Jesus today to Save you!
2. Challenge #2: Or pay tribute tomorrow!