



Knowing Christ

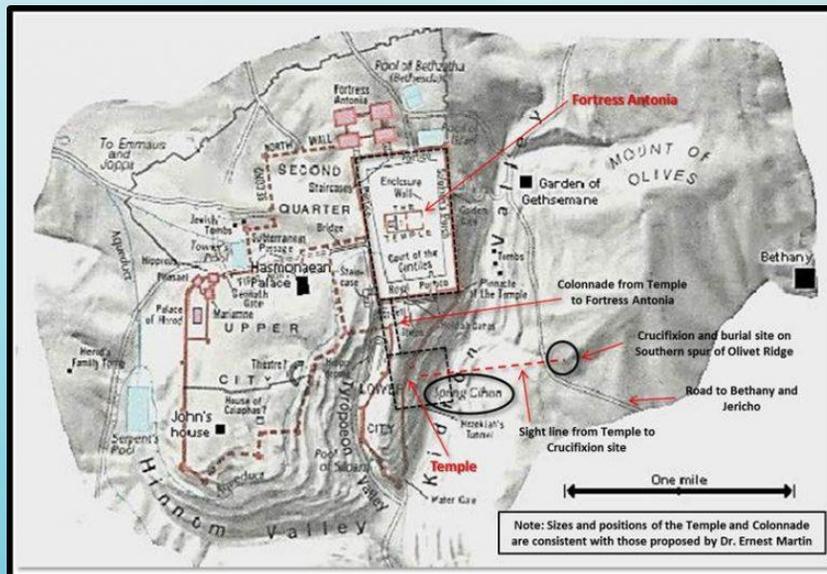
The Mind of Christ

John 7:1 – 8:59 Feast of Tabernacles

1. 7:1-9 Jesus moves from Galilee to Jerusalem
2. 7:10-25 The authority behind Jesus' teaching.
3. 7:25-36 The identity of Jesus.
4. 7:37-44 The promise of the Spirit.
5. 7:45-53 The Jewish leaders' unbelief.
6. 8:1-11 The Woman Caught in Adultery

Still At the Temple

- NAS **John 8:2** And early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them... ¹² Again therefore Jesus spoke to them ...



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Causes of Unbelief

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- ^{NAS} **John 8:15** "You people judge according to the flesh...
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 5:16** ... even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:3** For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
- ^{NAS} **Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh

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 - ^{NAS} **John 8:18** "I am He who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." ¹⁹ And so they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me, nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also."
 - ^{ESV} **2 Corinthians 4:4** In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
 - ^{NAS} **Jeremiah 9:3** "And they bend their tongue like their bow; Lies and not truth prevail in the land; For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," declares the LORD.

Jesus – The Light of the World

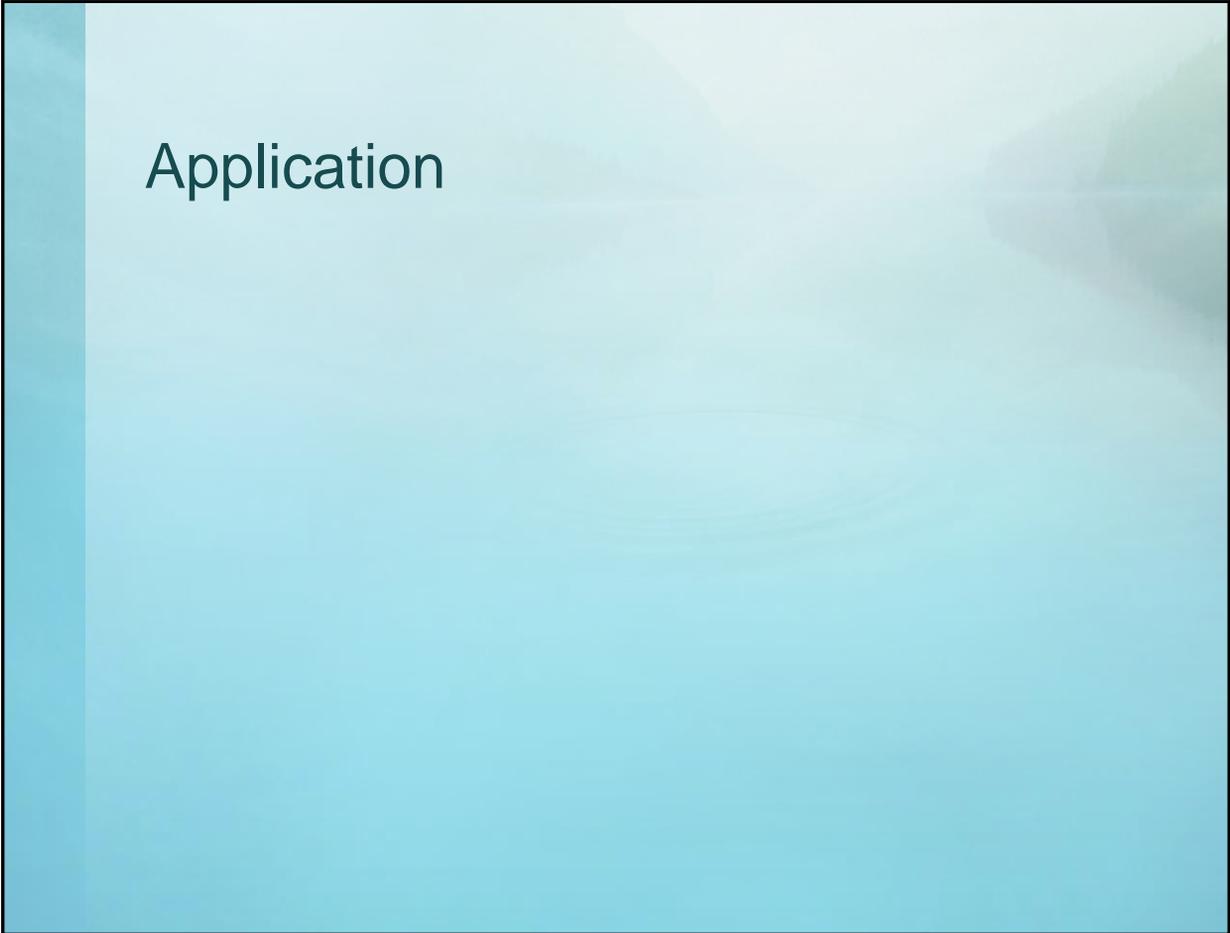
- ^{NAS} **John 8:12** Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 2:5** Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD
- ^{NAS} **Psalms 27:1** The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?
- ^{ESV} **Psalms 18:28** For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness.
- ^{NAS} **Psalms 84:11** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 60:1** "Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² "For behold, darkness will cover the earth, And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you, And His glory will appear upon you.
- ^{NAS} **Revelation 21:23** And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
- ^{NAS} **Revelation 22:5** And there shall no longer be *any* night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever.

Jesus – The Great I Am

- ^{NAS} **John 8:23** And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. ²⁴ "I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He [I Am], you shall die in your sins...²⁸ Jesus therefore said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He [I Am]..."
 - ^{NAS} **Exodus 3:14** And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
 - ^{NAS} **Deuteronomy 32:39** 'See now that I, I am He [I Am], And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded, and it is I who heal; And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.
 - ^{NAS} **Isaiah 43:25** "I, even I, am [I Am I Am] the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.



Application

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- ^{NAS} **Philippians 2:3** Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Love God

- **ESV John 8:16** Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me...²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."
- **NAS Matthew 22:36** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"³⁷ And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

Love Neighbour

- **NAS John 8:29** "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him." ³⁰ As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.
- **NAS Matthew 22:39** "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
- **NAS Galatians 6:10** So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.
- **NAS 1 Corinthians 6:7** Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

Conclusions

The Glory of the Lord in Christ

- **NAS Philippians 2:9** Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- **NAS Isaiah 45:23** "I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance. ²⁴ "They will say of Me, 'Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength.' Men will come to Him, And all who were angry at Him shall be put to shame. ²⁵ "In the LORD all the offspring of Israel Will be justified, and will glory."

The Glory of the Lord in Us

- **NAS Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
- **NAS 2 Corinthians 4:6** For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
- **NAS 2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Like Father, Like Son

- **NAS John 8:12** Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."
- **NAS John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,
- **NAS Philippians 2:14** Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵ that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,
- **NAS 1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.