**Sermon Notes for March 7, 2021**

**Westview Baptist Church**

**The Light of the World**

**The Feast of Tabernacles**

*On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37–38 ESV)*

**The Water Ceremony**

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**The Light Ceremony**

*And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people. (Exodus 13:21–22 ESV)*

*On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning. 16 So it was always: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. 17 And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped. (Numbers 9:15–17 ESV)*

*In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4–5 ESV)*

*So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. (John 13:30 ESV)*

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12 ESV)*

**The Blind Man**

*Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple. 1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. (John 8:58–9:1 ESV)*

*And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” (John 9:2 ESV)*

**The Man’s Growing Belief**

*He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” (John 9:11 ESV)*

*So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” (John 9:17 ESV)*

*If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. (John 9:33 ESV)*

 *Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” 38 He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. (John 9:35–38 ESV)*

**The Pharisees Growing Doubt**

*Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” (John 9:16 ESV)*

*So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” (John 9:24 ESV)*

*We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” (John 9:29 ESV)*

*Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains. (John 9:39–41 ESV)*

**Three great truths:**

***Jesus is God.***

***He came to invite us into a relationship with God.***

*Jesus heard that they had cast the formerly blind man out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” (John 9:35 ESV)*

*14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 “For  God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:14–16 ESV)*

***Jesus is the light of your life.***

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*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105 ESV)*