When Darkness Falls

John 12:35-50

Hebrews 3:13

Romans 1:18-32

Genesis 6:1-7

John 1:11

I. Darkness blinds us to our need. (v. 35-36)

“Yet a little while is the light with you.” (1 Corinthians 1:23; 2 Corinthians 3:13-16; John 1:4-9, 18; 12:34; 1 John 2:11)

“While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.” (Ephesians 5:8-11; 1 John 1:5-7; Matthew 5:14-16; Hebrews 10:26-27)He

“These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.” (John 1:11; 8:21; Matthew 23:37)

II. Darkness blinds us to our hope. (v. 37-46)

“But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:” (2:1-11; 4:43-54; 5:1-16; 6:1-15, 16-21; 9:1-12; 11:1-44; Matthew 12:24; Isaiah 35:4-6)

“That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled” (Isaiah 53:1; Zechariah 12:10)

“Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again” (Isaiah 6:8-13; 55:1-9; John 3:19; 12:40; Matthew 13:13; Mark 4:12; Luke 8:10; Acts 2:23; 28:26; Romans 9-11; Exodus 4:21; 8:32; 9:12; Romans 1:24, 26, 28; Hebrews 3:7-8)

“These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.” (John 1:17-18; Hebrews 10:26-29)

“Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” (John 2:23-25; 3:2; 5:44; 7:31, 50-53; 8:30; 10:39-42; 11:45; 12:10-11; 19:22, 34, 38; Luke 9:23-26)

“He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.” (John 1:18; 6:40; 14:8-9; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3)

“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.” (John 1:12; Colossians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 4:6)

III. Darkness blinds us to the truth. (v. 47-50)

“And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.” (John 3:17-18; 9:39)

“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” (John 3:19; 5:39-47; Matthew 7:24-27; Psalm 119:105, 130; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)

“For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.” (Hebrews 12:25)

“And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.” (John 6:66-69; 12:12-19; 17:2; Matthew 23:33-39)