

THE QUESTIONS OF JESUS

JESUS' IDENTITY - The Light of the World

WEEK 3

6. Are there not twelve hours in the day? John 11: 9 (NKJV)

9 "Aren't there 12 hours in a day?" Jesus answered. "If anyone walks during the day, he doesn't stumble, because he sees the light of this world. John 11:9 (HCSB)

9 Jesus replied, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in daylight doesn't stumble because there's plenty of light from the sun. John 11:9 (MSG)

Reflections:

This day started very early for me...5 AM. I was traveling with a group of men who are going to India to sing a number of concerts at hospitals, churches and schools. We left on a Monday and will not arrive in India until Wednesday. When you are traveling to foreign lands, the time changes do funny things with your biological time clock. It seems like there are more than twelve hours of daylight when your traveling overseas.

I think Jesus posed the question of the hours in a day because he wanted us to measure our time carefully and to use our time wisely. He walked during the day when He could see a clear path ahead. When we walk in His footsteps, we too, can see a clear path ahead. However, when we decide to walk in our own strength or let the darkness of this world make us stumble, we cannot see the light ahead.

December 26th is a special day for me every year because it is my birthday. However, the people of Southeast Asia will remember December 26, 2004 for the tremendous loss of life that was experienced because of the Tsunami. 12/26 was the greatest disaster in history in terms of loss of life with over 220, 000 people dead and millions that experienced homelessness. Our musical mission group is hoping to spread some light amongst the hopelessness that so many people in India have felt in recent days. But more than that, that hopelessness is also caused by not knowing Jesus as Lord. Each day counts in making a difference for His Kingdom.

Questions to Ponder:

- a. Do you ever consider how precious our time is as Christians?
- b. How can you make better use of your time as you think about your Christian faith?
- c. If you only had a limited amount of time left, how would you spend it?

Prayer

Thank you, Lord for the time that you've given us and help us to use it wisely.