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Are You:

- Serving Others?
- Setting a Christlike Example?

## Today's Scriptures

John 7-8

Next Week:

Lesson 16:

"I Was Blind,  
Now I See"

John 9-10

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## Lesson 15:

### "I Am the Light of the World"



"Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery," Guercino, 1621 (Italian Baroque painter, whose full name was Giovanni Francesco Barbieri)

## Questions to Ponder

- Why were the people amazed when Jesus began to teach at the Feast of the Tabernacles?
- What can we learn from the Savior's example regarding the adulterous woman about how we should respond to people who have sinned seriously?

### Elder Marvin J. Ashton:

"The scribes and Pharisees brought before the Savior a woman taken in adultery. Their purpose was not to show love for either the woman or the Savior, but to embarrass and trick Jesus. . . . Jesus did not condone adultery; there was no doubt about His attitude toward proper moral conduct. [But] He chose to teach with love—to show the scribes and Pharisees the need of serving the individual for her best good and to show the destructive forces of trickery and embarrassment " (*Ensign*, May, 1981, 24).

### Feast of the Tabernacles

"The Feast of Tabernacles or of Ingathering called by later Jews the Feast, and reckoned by them to be the greatest and most joyful of all, was celebrated on the 15th to 21st days of the 7th month. To the 7 days was added an 8th ('the last day, that great day of the Feast'), a day of holy convocation, which marked the ending not only of this particular feast, but of the whole festival season. The events celebrated were the sojourning of the children of Israel in the wilderness, and the gathering-in of all the fruits of the year. The sacrifices prescribed by the law were more numerous than for any other feast, and impressive ceremonies were added in later times, that, is (1) the drawing of water from Siloam and its libation on the altar (of this it was said that he has not seen the joy of the drawing of water at the Feast of the Tabernacles does not know what joy is); and (2) the illumination of the temple courts by four golden candelabra. It is probably in these ceremonies that our Lord refers in John 7:37 and 8:12.. (3) The making of a canopy of willows over the altar . . ." (*Bible Dictionary*, 673)

