

## **“Hanukkah Nuggets”**

Michael Rood in the chronological gospels confirms what I have said about **John 8:12** where **Yeshua declares that He is the Light of the World!** This is the **25<sup>th</sup> day of the ninth month**, which is Hanukkah, it also landed on Sabbath! **Hanukkah aka: the Feast of Lights!**

Michael Rood states that Yeshua’s location and the occasion were not revealed until John 10:22, after the primary event. In **John 10:22 “All these things took place in Yerushalayim at the Feast of Hanukkah that winter”**. **This is the CKJV: Corrected King James Version**

**I want to look at two events that happened on day one of Hanukkah during the Ministry of Yeshua.**

**The healing of the man born blind**

**The parable of the good shepherd**

**John 9:1-41 The healing of the man born blind!**

**Vs.5-** Again Yeshua declares at the festival of lights that He is the light of the world!

**Vs.6- Yeshua makes mud or clay on the Sabbath**

**Vs.14-** it was on the Sabbath that Yeshua does this

**Vs.16- Yeshua is accused of not keeping the Sabbath, because he doesn’t conform to the man-made rules surrounding the Sabbath!**

**It’s very important for those of us new to Torah, or even been in it for some time, that we are able to distinguish from the Commandments of Yahweh and the traditions of men that are made out to be commandments of Yahweh!**

**Vs.38- Yeshua receives worship from the man he healed!**

**Vs.41-** this verse reminds me of the danger I think Christians are in! They claim to know and walk in the truth- they claim that they are not blind; but they don’t enter in through the door which I think is Torah. Instead they are lawless!

**What a powerful saying, “If you were blind you would not be as chargeable” some versions say, “If you were blind you would have no sin”. “But because you say you see, you bear full responsibility for your sin!”**

**Michael Rood Commentary: Rabbinic takanot absolutely forbade the mixing of water and dust on the Sabbath because that constituted creating something (mud).**

It was also expressly forbidden to put saliva on the eyes on the Sabbath (Talmud, tractate Shabbat 108b). It was further forbidden to travel more than their prescribed measurement for a Sabbath day's journey (2,000 cubit, about 3,437 feet – Baba Metzia 32a). Yeshua broke two of these rules as he fulfilled the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah concerning the healing of a man born blind. He then commanded the blind man to walk more than a Sabbath day's journey to wash his eyes when water was readily available on the Temple mount. In the healing of the lame man at Shavuot and the healing of the man born blind at Hanukkah, yeshua commanded them to break the man-made laws of the Pharisees before he pronounced them "whole."

### **John 10:1-22 The parable of the good shepherd**

**Vs.1-** the door is Torah!

**Vs.2-** he that enters in by the DOOR is the Shepherd: Yeshua is the Shepherd who enters by Torah!

**Commentary by Michael Rood:** In the first part of the parable, the door of the sheepfold can be understood as the Torah, the instruction from our Creator at Mount Sinai- and Yeshua, the true shepherd came in through the door. Yeshua then plainly tells his disciples that he is the door and all that came before him were misleading the sheep. Yeshua is the embodiment of the instruction from our Creator. He is The Prophet who was promised, the teacher, Yeshua is the living Torah!

**Vs.7-** Yeshua reveals that He is Torah!

**Vs.8-** Michael Rood Commentary on thieves and robbers: These are the religious leaders who invent their own rules and regulations to enslave and manipulate the flock for easy fleecing.

**Vs.10-** Hasatan is the lawless one, and he seeks to destroy the Torah; he seeks to steal the Torah away from us- and he is good at what he does!

Yeshua said He didn't come to destroy Torah, but to live it (fulfill it)!

**Vs.10-** Yeshua came that we might have life, Yeshua came that we might have Torah! For in Keeping Torah there is Life!

**Deuteronomy 30:10-20** The Father sets Torah before us! If we keep Torah we will have Life!

**Deuteronomy 32:46,47** "...Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this Torah. For it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life.."

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Let us make sure this day that we hear Yeshua’s voice! His voice is Torah- He is Torah- He is the Word- The Word is his Father’s voice – and that Word is Torah! The fruit that we can bear that proves that we truly hear His voice and follow Him- that fruit is Torah obedience! Torah is the door that leads to Life. Yeshua is the door that leads to life. Lets dedicate (hanukka) our lives unto Him. Lets walk the way Yeshua walked!