

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 8

Jesus the Light of the World

John 8

REFLECTION

Review John 7. How does Jesus' invitation . . . *come to Me and drink* in verses 37-39 help you?

FOCUS VERSE

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32).

SECTION 1 – The Entrapment

Read John 8:1-11.

1. Where was Jesus (vs. 1, 2)? _____

What time of the day was it? _____

What was He doing? _____

2. Who brought the woman to Jesus? Why (vs. 3, 4)? _____^{1 2}

Where did they set her? _____

What did these religious fanatics say to Jesus? _____

3. According to the Law, what should be her punishment (vs. 5, 6a)? _____

What was the real reason this woman was brought to Jesus? _____

¹ scribes: legal experts.

² Pharisees: students of the Laws of Moses.

4. How did Jesus solve this problem with her accusers (vs. 6b-9a)? _____

What did her accusers do? _____

5. How did Jesus challenge this woman to change the course of her life (vs. 9b-11)? _____

What did Jesus call adultery? _____

PERSONAL

What are your thoughts on adultery? How does our society condone adultery? _____

What did you learn from this story about Jesus? How will what you have learned change the course of your life?

SECTION 2 – The Light of the World

Read John 8:12-20.

1. What did Jesus say that He was (vs. 12)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

From the following passages, what do you learn about walking in darkness or walking in the Light?

John 8:12 _____

I John 1:5-7 _____

I John 2:8-11 _____

PERSONAL

Do you walk in the Light? What is the evidence of the Light in your life? _____

2. What did the Pharisees say to Jesus (John 8:13)? _____³

3. How does Jesus prove that His witness was true (vs. 14-18)? _____

4. How did the Father bear witness that Jesus was His Beloved Son (Matthew 3:16, 17)? _____

5. What was the next question from the Pharisees (John 8:19)? _____

What did Jesus answer? _____

6. What was the outcome of this dialogue (vs. 20)? _____

SECTION 3 – Life and Death

Read John 8:21-30.

1. What did Jesus say (vs. 21, 22a)? _____

³ witness: the record; true testimony.

How did the Jews react? _____

What did Jesus make clear to them (vs. 23, 24a)? _____

2. What is the future of those who do not believe in Jesus (vs. 24b)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

What was Jesus referring to in John 8:24b? _____

According to this Scripture and the following Scriptures, who is Jesus?

John 1:1, 2 _____

John 8:12-23 _____

John 8:58 _____

Exodus 3:14 _____

Deuteronomy 32:39 _____

Isaiah 43:10, 11 _____

PERSONAL

Who is Jesus in your life? _____

3. What did the religious leaders ask Jesus (John 8:25, 26)? _____

Jesus said _____

4. What did the Jews not understand (vs. 27)? _____

5. What would they come to know about Jesus the Son of Man after they lift Him up⁴ (vs. 28, 29)?

6. What did His words cause the people to do (vs. 30)? _____

SECTION 4 – Freedom and Bondage

Read John 8:31-47.

1. What did Jesus say to the Jews who believed on Him (vs. 31, 32)? _____

2. What is man a slave to (vs. 33-36)? _____

PERSONAL

From what sins has Jesus Christ personally set you free? _____

3. Jesus agreed with these spiritual leaders that they were the physical descendants of whom (vs. 37-40)?

What did they seek to do to Jesus? Why? _____

⁴ lift Him up: reference to Jesus being lifted up on the cross.

Why did Jesus refute their claim to be Abraham's spiritual children? Why? _____

PERSONAL

What do you learn from the arguments of these deeply religious Jews and Jesus' responses to them?

Who do you have your faith in? _____

Whose child are you? _____

4. Why was it evident that God was not their father (vs. 41-43)? _____

5. Who was their father (vs. 44)? Why? _____

List the characteristics of their father. _____

PERSONAL

Is God your Father because you have received Jesus Christ into your life? Or is Satan your father because you depend on a counterfeit righteousness of works, not the righteousness that comes from faith in Jesus Christ?

6. Why did they not believe in Christ (vs. 45-47)? _____

What do those who are of God hear? _____

SECTION 5 – Honor and Dishonor

Read John 8:48-59.

1. What were the Jews next accusations towards Jesus (vs. 48-51)? _____

How did Jesus respond? _____

2. What must one do to escape death⁵ (vs. 51)? _____
3. How did Jesus answer to the Jews increase their anger (vs. 52, 53)? _____

4. What did Jesus respond to these religious leaders (vs. 54-56)? _____

5. Why did Abraham rejoice? _____

LOOK DEEPER

How did Abraham see by experience the *day* that the Father would offer His Only Begotten Son to become the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world (John 8:56)? See also Genesis 22 and Hebrews 11:17-19.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
6. Who did Christ proclaim to be before Abraham (John 8:57, 58)? _____

 7. What was their final response (vs. 59)? _____

⁵ death: spiritual death resulting in eternal separation from God.

What were Jesus' final actions? _____

PERSONAL

What do you think kept Christ's enemies from stoning Him? _____

*Most assuredly, I say to you,
before Abraham was,
I AM.
John 8:58*

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