

## John Chapter 8 Teaching Notes

**Review** – Progression of the Blindness and Spiritual Condition of Israel and the Jewish Leaders

- Chapter One Blind to Jesus as the “Word”, the Light and Life, Received Him not...etc.
- Chapter Two Desecration of the Temple – not a house of prayer
- Chapter Three Blind to spiritual death – must be born again
- Chapter Four Blind about God’s love of neighbor – woman at the well
- Chapter Five Impotent man – represents Israel’s condition
- Chapter Six Bread of life – no appetite for new life in Him – many left Him
- Chapter 7 He has a devil, sent officers to arrest Him – if you thirst come to Him – not thirsty

### Chapter 8

#### Woman Caught in Adultery V 1-11

- Sunrise
- Teaching in the temple treasury (Court of the Women – 13 chests; 9 for taxes, 4 for offerings)
- Seated for teaching
- Woman presented
- Entrapment – Moses says stone her; what do you say? (Deut 2:22; Lev 20:10)
- Finger of God writing – where else did His finger write? (Exodus 31:18)
- What did He write?
- He who is without sin cast the first stone
- No accusers – need two witnesses to verify accusation
- I do not condemn you; go and sin no more

#### Important Points

- Jesus was the only one without sin and could have cast the stone of judgment
- How is mercy and justice harmonized?
- The sin was condemned not the sinner
- **John 3:17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
- **Romans 8: 1-2** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you<sup>[a]</sup> free from the law of sin and death.
- Was the woman saved? What happened to her?

#### Jesus the Light of the World V 12

- If you follow Jesus, you will not walk in darkness
- If you follow Jesus, you will have the light of life

## **What is the light of life?**

- Light shines and illuminates sin
- Sin always brings death (Romans 3:23)
- Jesus' light brings us out of sin and into new life
- People reject the light because their deeds are evil (John 3:19)

Note: Feast of Tabernacles – concludes with a light celebration

## **Pharisees Begin to Challenge Jesus Verses 13-18**

1. His lack of two witnesses (John the Baptist, His words, His works, the Father)
2. His parentage – where is your father- note Psalm 69
  - a. V 4 They hate me without a cause (John 15:25)
  - b. V 5 God knows my sins and the wrongs I have done are not hidden (2 Cor 5:21)
  - c. V 8 I am a stranger to my breather and an alien to my mother's sons
  - d. V 9 Zeal for your house has consumed me ( John 2:14-17)
  - e. V 12 I am the object of songs from the drunkards

## **Jesus' Response V 20 – 30**

- You will die in your sins because you have rejected me
- Where I am going you can not come
- Suicide – no
- You are earthly (worldly) and I am from above
- Note 1 Cor 2:14
- Spiritual blindness to who He is and what He is saying
- When I am lifted up you will know - cross
- Many believed on Him (again)

## **Truth and Freedom V 31-32**

- Continue in my word
- Know My Truth
- Freedom is the result

## **Bondage V 34 - 36**

- Physical Bondage: Egypt, Judges, Babylon, Syria, Seleucids, and Rome
- Spiritual Bondage: flesh, idolatry, sin, Satan, etc.
- Freedom in Christ: From condemnation, penalty of the law, wrath of God, Satan
- Romans 6:15-18

### **Abrahams Seed vs Children of Abraham V 37 – 40**

- Abraham received God's call,
- God's presence,
- God's word,
- God's promise – FAITH
- You want to kill Me,
- you reject Me,
- you reject My words,
- you will not BELIEVE

### **Your Father the Devil V 41 – 50**

- God is not your father – if he was you would LOVE Me
- You are deaf to what I have to say
- Your father is the devil – a murderer and the father of all Lies
- What is my sin? – no one said anything

### **Conclusion V 51-58**

- Keep My sayings you will never die
- Abraham died as did all the prophets
- Abraham rejoiced to see my day – when?
- You are not 50 years old
- I AM
- Wanting to cast stones (Blasphemy)

Chapter begins with the Jews wanting to stone the sinful woman

Chapter ends with the Jews wanting to stone the sinless Jesus

The woman would die in her sins with out the mercy of Jesus

The Pharisees would die in their sins because they rejected the mercy of Jesus