



## John 8 Summary

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### Revealing or Unveiling of the Light: Truth and Freedom

John 8 gives the people of God who diligently study God's Word a riveting exploration of light versus darkness, truth versus deception, and freedom versus bondage/slavery. Through His teaching and communication with others, Jesus reveals His divine nature, inviting all to embrace the light and liberating truth He offers.

#### John 8 challenges us to:

- Reflect on our spiritual condition and
- Inspire us to step into the light of Christ's truth, breaking free from the bondage of sin.

#### Jesus does that through:

- The manifestation of the gifts His Father gave Him,
- The revealing of who He is and,
- Bearing witness of God's purpose of offering salvation and forgiveness for all who will accept it.

The offer exists today exactly as it did in Jesus' day. There has been no change in the process. Faith in Jesus brings salvation...Believe and receive. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The seal is placed on the process. No other way...not yesterday or today!

### This chapter is a centerpiece of the Gospel.

#### The acts and teaching by Jesus is a profound narrative filled with dynamic dialogue and enlightening confrontations.

- ✓ It opens with an account of an adulterous woman brought before Jesus and
- ✓ Ends in a challenging discourse between Jesus and the Jewish leaders, punctuated by His powerful assertion, "Before Abraham was born, I am."

John 8:1-11, "And each of them went to his own house; but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he was again in the Temple precincts, and all the people came to him. He sat down and went on teaching them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman arrested for adultery. They set her in the midst and said to him: "Teacher, this woman was arrested as she was committing adultery--in the very act. In the law Moses enjoined us to stone women like this. What do you say about her?" They were testing him when they said this, so that they might have some ground on which to accuse him. Jesus stooped down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they went on asking him their question, he straightened himself and said to them: "Let the man among you who is without sin be the first to cast a stone at her." And again he bent down and wrote with

*his finger on the ground. One by one those who had heard what he said went out, beginning from the eldest down to the youngest. So, Jesus was left alone, and the woman was still there in the midst. Jesus straightened himself and said to her: "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said: "No one, sir." Jesus said: "I am not going to pass judgment on you either. Go, and from now on, sin no more."*

### **Jesus, teaching in the temple courts, is interrupted by the Pharisees and scribes presenting an adulterous woman.**

- They test Jesus, asking if she should be stoned per the law of Moses.
- Jesus, writing on the ground, responds, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
- Convicted by their consciences, they leave.  
Some people believe that their consciences weren't being stirred. But, were afraid that those in the crowd who knew the leaders personally would reveal their personal (secret) sins to the other family members and leaders.
- Jesus forgives the woman, telling her to leave her life of sin.  
Jesus knows the minds and hearts of individuals. He simply placed the synagogue leaders on the defense in lieu of letting them stay on the offense.

### **Verses 12-20: Jesus, the Light of the World**

#### **Jesus reveals that He is the Light of the World**

- *Promising to lead followers out of darkness.*
- *The Pharisees challenge His testimony,*
- *Jesus affirms His authority, being from the Father.*
- *He speaks that they only have an earthly perspective, contrasting it with His heavenly one.*

*Many of the Pharisees had seen what Jesus had been doing; yet they still were ready to kill Him for "Blasphemy."*

***Why do you suppose this was in their thoughts...to kill him?***

### **Verses 21-30: The Impending Departure of Jesus**

- *Jesus predicts and informs them of His impending death. Yet they did not understand His mission; that by believing in Him, they would have eternal life.*
- *However, if they didn't believe, they would die in their sins.*
- *As the Jews misunderstand Him, Jesus emphasizes His divine origin, stirring disbelief among the crowd. Many, however, come to believe in Him.*

#### **What did the Jewish leaders expect out of their coming Messiah?**

### **Verses 31-47: Truth and Freedom**

- Addressing the believing Jews, Jesus encourages adherence to His teachings to truly be His disciples and experience the truth that will set them free.
- He contrasts the freedom He offers with the spiritual bondage under sin.
- The Jews take offense, leading to a debate about their spiritual ancestry, with Jesus asserting their actions align more with Satan than Abraham.

***Do you think Jesus was speaking now with forceful authority, with peaceful speech, or with pronounced tones that left them with conviction and remorse for their actions?***

### **Verses 48-59: Jesus' Claim to Deity**

- The Jews insult Jesus, accusing Him of being demon-possessed.
- Jesus responds, highlighting His honor from the Father and His mission to bring eternal life.
- He shocks the crowd by claiming His existence predates Abraham's, using God's holy name, "I AM".
- This triggers an attempt to stone Him, but He slips away.

***"When E.F. Hutton speaks, everyone listens!"...So the commercial states.***

***"When Jesus spoke and is still speaking through the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit's power, everyone should listen! BUT THEY DON'T.***