Christ, the Son of God
Studies in the Gospel of John

The Eternal God
Lesson 8
John 8

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Purpose Statement

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:30-31 (NASB)

- Who is Jesus?
- What does it matter?
- What must I do?
The Prologue (1:1-18)

- A short summary of the Gospel of John
- Jesus Christ is:
  - the Son of God – truly God – Eternal, Creator, Life
  - the Son of Man – truly human
- Jesus Christ, the Son of God became the Son of Man to:
  - bring eternal life
  - reveal God (full of grace and truth)
- Jesus Christ must be received by faith
- Important issues:
  - Light and darkness
  - Witness of John the Baptist
  - Response of the Jews
  - Law of Moses compared to Jesus Christ
Structure of the Gospel of John

- The Prologue (1:1-18)
- The Public Ministry of Jesus Christ (1:19-12:50)
- The Private Ministry of Jesus Christ with His Disciples (13-17)
- The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ (18-20)
- The Epilogue (21)
- John’s style: repetition and progression
Public Ministry – Review

- Names and titles of Jesus (1:19-51)
- Relation to the Father: sent, waiting, zeal (2)
- Faith – true v. false (3)
- The Gospel message (3)
- Savior of the world (4)
- Unbelief of “His own”
  - Jesus does miracles and teaches about Himself
  - The Jews seek to kill Him (5:18)
- How could the “guardians of Scripture” miss their Messiah?
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- The woman taken in adultery (8:1-11)
- Jesus Christ is the Light of the world (8:12-20)
- A lesson about two worlds (8:21-30)
- The truth will make you free (8:31-47)
- The centrality of Jesus Christ – I AM (8:48-59)
The Woman Taken in Adultery (8:1-11)

- John 7:53–8:11 is not found in the earliest and best manuscripts
  - Attached elsewhere in John and in Luke in some manuscripts
  - NKJV notes it is “found in over 900 manuscripts”
- Cannot be certain if it was originally part of John
- Text in Context:
  - “Go and sin no more” (5:14 and 8:11)
  - Law v. grace and truth (1:17)
  - The main point is the Jews’ failure to understand Scripture
  - The use of the Law to disprove the Messiah
- The text is more than appropriate in the context
- The providential preservation of Scripture
The Light of the World (8:12-20)

- Darkness and Light (Prov 4:19; Isa 9:2; Col 1:13; 1 Pet 2:9)
  - Prologue: “In Him was life . . . the Light of men” (1:4-5)
  - Darkness and Light are 2 spiritual spheres
  - Jesus is the Light that overcomes the darkness – the Light of life
- Pharisees reject His word as “not true”
  - Jesus speaks truth from heaven
  - Pharisees evaluate truth by the flesh (Cf. Num 15:32-36; Lev 24:10-23)
- This is illustrated by the story of the woman taken in adultery
- Jesus did not come to judge but give life (3:17; 5:22, 27; 9:39)
- Jesus came by authority of the Father, Whom they did not know
- They illustrate His truth by seeking to seize Him
A Lesson on Two Worlds (8:21-30)

- “I go away . . . you cannot come” (8:21)
- Of the world v. not of the world (8:23)
- The barrier between: “Your sin” (8:24)
- The bridge: faith in Jesus (8:24)
- “Who are You?” (8:25)
- Jesus is the Word from God (8:26-27)
- Jesus is the Lamb of God – the final argument (8:28)
- Jesus mission is from the Father Who is well pleased (8:29)
- Many came to believe (8:30)
The Truth Will Make You Free (8:31-47)

- The Word defines true disciples – “continue in” (Cf. 8:31 and 47)
- Knowledge of the truth makes freedom
- “Abraham’s descendants have never been enslaved to anyone”
- Jesus is speaking about spiritual slavery to sin (8:34)
- The evidence of this slavery (8:37-47)
  • A desire to kill Jesus (8:37)
  • Jesus’ word had no place in them (8:37)
  • Their conduct reflects their father (8:38)
  • They did not love Jesus (8:42)
- They are of the devil (8:44)
- You are not of God (8:45-47)
The Centrality of Jesus Christ (8:48-59)

- The response: blasphemy, not reason
- Jesus honors the Father by His words and works
- The Father seeks glory for the Son . . . and judges
- “Truly, truly . . . keep my words and live” (8:51)
- The Jews argue from the death of Abraham and the prophets
- Jesus responds:
  - My Father glorifies Me
  - They did not know God
  - Abraham “rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad”
- The capstone of Jesus testimony: Truly, truly . . . “I AM” (8:58)
- The response of the Jews – desire to kill
The Eternal God

- This chapter was written for us
- Jesus Christ is the Eternal God
- He was sent into darkness as the Light of the world
- Mankind cannot see because of the darkness
- Mankind must see (and receive) the Light or die eternally
- How can this be?
  - The Living Word (2 Cor 4:4-6)
  - The preaching of the cross
  - The work of the Holy Spirit
  - The drawing of the Father
- “We saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (1:14)