

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 04 Dec 2022 ..... John 1:1-18..... In the Beginning
- 2) 11 Dec ..... John 1:19-51..... Come and See
- 3) 18 Dec ..... John 2:1-25..... I Will Raise
- 4) 25 Dec ..... Luke 2:1-52..... Christmas – You Will Find
- 5) 01 Jan 2023 ..... John 3:1-36..... Everyone Who Believes
- 6) 08 Jan ..... John 4:1-54..... But Whoever Drinks
- 7) 15 Jan ..... John 5:1-47..... Pick Up Your Mat
- 8) 22 Jan ..... John 6:1-71..... I Am the Bread
- 9) 29 Jan ..... John 7:1-52..... He Sent Me
- 10) 05 Feb ..... John 8:1-59..... I Am the Light**
- 11) 12 Feb ..... John 9:1-41..... You Have Seen Him
- 12) 19 Feb ..... John 10:1-42..... I Know My Own
- 13) 26 Feb ..... John 11:1-57..... I Am the Resurrection

**INTRODUCTION**

- Jesus conveys He is Judge, Juror, and Executioner of justice for everyone who has the ability to WILLINGLY accept or reject Him as Lord and Savior – He condemns non-repentant souls to Hell, and extends heavenly grace to the repentant
- The Jews questioned Jesus' words from an earthly perspective, BUT Jesus said them with an eternal or heavenly perspective

Passage	Comments
John 8:1-11	<p><b>Facing the True Judge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v2. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time John records Jesus teaching in the Temple (cf <a href="#">John 6:59</a>; <a href="#">7:14,28</a>) – and it was early.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is the significance of people gathering early on the Sabbath to hear a non-Levite teach about God?</li> <li>- For one thing, people were up early for church – so they were serious about their faith</li> <li>- There also may have been a curiosity element to see if the Great Healer would continue healing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv3-6. A woman caught in adultery was hauled in to test Jesus. She could have been one of the following:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A prostitute making a living for her and her kids</li> <li>2. A married woman caught in the arms of her lover</li> <li>3. A single woman caught in bed with her married boyfriend</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ What would have been the outcome if Jesus said:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. “OK, let’s implement the Law and stone her”</li> <li>B. “I forgive her, so free her”</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv7-8. What did Jesus write on the ground? Was it meaningless doodling or something significant?</li> <li>• vv9-10. Any significance why the older ones left first?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why didn’t someone say “in Moses’ day, it was sinners casting stones on a worse sinner”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv11. <b>“Go and sin no more”</b> – Would this have been an easy command for the woman to keep?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Did Jesus liberalize sin, IOW, glossed over it?</li> <li>♦ What if this woman was in our church? How should she be treated or challenged?</li> <li>♦ What if her lover was her stepson, as noted in <a href="#">1Cor 5:1-2</a>. What is the disciplinary principles to follow?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8:12-30	<p><b>The Importance of Judgment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v12. <i>“He who (willingly) follows me walks in the Light”</i></li> <li>• v20. <i>“No one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come”</i> – God planned things down to the second</li> <li>• v24. <i>“...unless you (willingly) believe that I AM (the Messiah), you will go to Hell”</i> – How plain it is</li> <li>• v25. The Jews ask <b>“WHO ARE YOU?”</b> and Jesus basically responds with <i>“Haven’t you been listening?”</i></li> <li>• v30. <i>“As He spoke these things, many believed”</i> – God always has a remnant who have willing ears to hear</li> </ul>

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8:31-47	<p><b>Knowing the Basis of Judgment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv31-32. <i>“...the truth shall make you free.”</i> – What does Truth set us free from?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If we believe in false things such as a flat earth, or everybody goes to Heaven, how does that affect us?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v37. <i>“...My word has no place in you.”</i> – Jesus alludes to their willful denial of the truth of His words</li> <li>• 43. “Why do you not understand? Because you cannot hear my word.”                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Why couldn’t they understand? Was it willful ignorance, or blindness caused by God, or both?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 44. <i>“Your father is the Devil...”</i> – Jesus nails it.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Can we be this bold in our witness? It depends on if the situation demands it, and we don’t mind getting crucified</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v45. <i>“...you do not believe me.”</i> - Again, willful disbelief</li> <li>• v46. <i>“...why do you not believe me?”</i> – No excuse</li> <li>• v47. <i>“He who is of God (willingly) hears the words of God. For this reason (of unwillingness) you do not hear because you are not of God.”</i> – and they don’t want to be a willing servant of God</li> </ul>
8:48-59	<p><b>Responding to the True Judge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v48. <i>“...You are a Samaritan and have a demon”</i> – The Jews continue to resort to name calling and using <b>ad hominem arguments</b>, which rely on personal attacks rather than reason or substance</li> <li>• v51. <i>“...if anyone keeps My word he will never die”</i> - Jesus makes His deity very plain</li> <li>• v55. <i>“You have not (willingly) come to know (God)”</i> – Jesus blames their lostness on their willful ignorance</li> <li>• v58. <i>“...Before Abraham was born, I AM”</i> – Again, Jesus makes it very clear to the Jews He is God</li> <li>• v59. And one more time, Jesus slips from their grasp</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- Willful ignorance leads to Hell. God expects us to willingly choose Him. To choose something else, is a vote against God

**NEXT WEEK: John 9:1-41.** Jesus heals one more person on the Sabbath and further irritates the establishment. The blind man receives both his physical sight and his spiritual sight – but the religious leaders become blinded to the truth.



**Casting the ‘first stone’ was like throwing out the first pitch at a baseball game...until Jesus changed the rules and ruined the fun for Ted & Fred. [John 8:1-11](#)**