

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 01 Sept 2013 John 1:1-18 God Revealed
- 2) 08 Sept John 1:19-51 Jesus Identified
- 3) 15 Sept John 2:1-25 Authority Acknowledged
- 4) 22 Sept John 3:1-36 Salvation Offered
- 5) 29 Sept John 4:1-38 The Power to Give Life
- 6) 06 Oct John 4:39-54 The Power to Save
- 7) 13 Oct John 5:1-47 The Power to Heal
- 8) 20 Oct John 6:1-71 The Power to Meet Needs
- 9) 27 Oct John 7:1-52 Asking Questions About Jesus
- 10) 03 Nov John 7:53-8:59 **Wondering About Judgment**
- 11) 10 Nov John 9:1-41 Doubting Jesus' Power
- 12) 17 Nov John 10:1-42 Feeling Insecure?
- 13) 24 Nov John 11:1-57 Dealing with Death

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

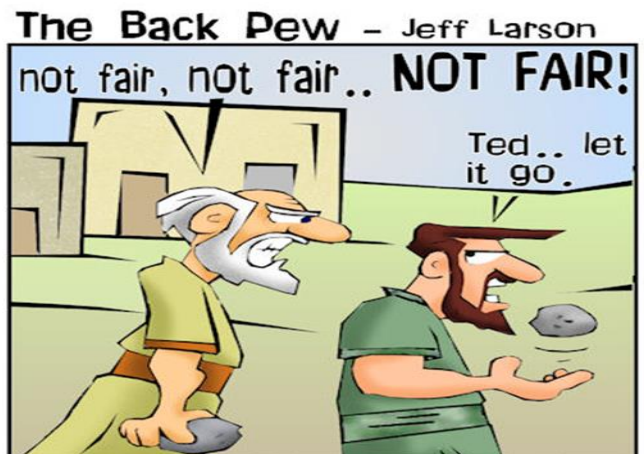
Passage	Comments
John 8:1-11	<p>Facing the True Judge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. This is the 3rd time John records Jesus teaching in the Temple (cf John 6:59; 7:14,28) – and it was early. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the significance of people gathering early on the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

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

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**