

The Book of John

LESSON ELEVEN

John 8

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1 Look in His Word

Feel free to underline, circle or otherwise mark the text if it will aid your study.

John 8:1-11

¹But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

²At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

³The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group

⁴and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

⁶They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

⁷But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”

⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

¹⁰Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹“No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

2 List the Facts

What does the passage say? Make a verse-by-verse list of the most obvious, outstanding facts. Be literal as you answer.

Example:

(8:1) Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

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3 Learn from the Lessons

What does the passage mean? What lessons can be learned from these facts? Be spiritual as you answer.

Example:

(8:1) We need to seek times of solitude.

4 Listen to His Voice

What does this passage mean to you? Rewrite the lessons from step 3 in the form of a question. Be personal as you answer.

Example:

(8:1) When and where do I seek out a time of solitude?

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2 List the Facts

John 8:12-30

¹²When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

¹⁴Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going."

¹⁵You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one.

¹⁶But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.

¹⁷In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid.

¹⁸I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

¹⁹Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

²⁰"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come.

²¹Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come."

²²This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?"

²³But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world."

²⁴I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

²⁵"Who are you?" they asked.

²⁶"Just what I have been claiming all along," Jesus replied. "I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world."

²⁷They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father.

²⁸So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me."

²⁹The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."

³⁰Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.

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2 List the Facts

John 8:31-41

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

³⁴Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

³⁷I know you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word.

³⁸I am telling you what I have seen in the Father’s presence, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

³⁹“Abraham is our father,” they answered. “If you were Abraham’s children,” said Jesus, “then you would

⁴⁰do the things Abraham did. As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.

⁴¹You are doing the things your own father does.”

“We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.”

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John 8:42-47

⁴²Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

⁴³Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.

⁴⁴You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

⁴⁵Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

⁴⁶Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me?

⁴⁷He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

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⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?”

⁴⁹“I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me.

⁵⁰I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge.

⁵¹I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

⁵²At this the Jews exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death.

⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”

⁵⁴Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

⁵⁵Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word.

⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

⁵⁷“You are not yet fifty years old,” the Jews said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

⁵⁸“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

⁵⁹At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

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Live in Response

How will you respond? Pinpoint what God is saying to you from this passage. Write down today's date and what you will do now about what He has said.

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