

The Truth Will Set You Free

John 8:1-12, 31-36

Key Verses 31-32

*“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”*

1. What was Jesus doing at the temple courts? Who was there? Who interrupted his teaching, and how? What question did they ask Jesus? How was this a trap?
2. What did Jesus do? What did he say? How did his words expose their hypocrisy? What did they do, and why?
3. What did Jesus say to the woman? Why did he not condemn her? How did he help her begin a new life? What does this show about Jesus? (12; 3:17; Ro 8:1)
4. Read verses 31-32. How can one really be a disciple of Jesus? What does the word “disciple” mean to you?
5. How can we know the truth? Why must a disciple continue to hold on to the word of God? What is so special about God’s word? (Jn 6:68; 1Pe 1:24-25; Mt 5:18)
6. Look again at verse 32. What does the truth do for us? How does it set us free? (See verse 36, also 1Co 15:3)
7. How did the Jews respond to Jesus’ words? (33) How did their pride keep them from being free? What kind of slavery was Jesus talking about? (34) What is freedom? How can you be truly free?