

Lesson 9

"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

John 8:1-12, 31-36

Key Verse: 8:31,32

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."

* "NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU" (8:1-11)

1. Where and how did Jesus probably spend the night? (Lk 22:39) When did Jesus return to the temple courts, and who was there? What did Jesus do?
2. Who interrupted his teaching, and how? What did they tell him about the woman? What question did they ask Jesus? How was this a trap? What kind of men would use a woman in this way?
3. What did Jesus do? Why did he wait before answering? What did he say? How did his words expose their hypocrisy? What did they do, and why?
4. How might this woman have come to live a life like that? What did Jesus say to her? Why did he not condemn her? How did he save her and help her begin a new life? What does this show about Jesus? (3:17; Ro.8:1)

* "IF YOU HOLD TO MY TEACHING" (8:31-36)

5. Read 31,32. How can one really be a disciples of Jesus? What does the word "disciple" mean to you?
6. 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)
7. Look at verse 32. What does the truth do for us? What are some characteristics of truth? How does the truth set us free? (see also 36)

8. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' words? (33) What words didn't they like? Why? How did their racial pride keep them from being free?

9. Look at verses 34-36. What kind of slavery was Jesus talking about? (34) What is freedom? Who is free? How can you be truly free?