

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

John 8:31-59

Key Verse: 8:31,32

1. Read verses 31-32. To whom is Jesus speaking? How can one really be Jesus' disciple? What does it mean to hold to his teachings? What is the truth? What is the result of knowing the truth?
2. Read verses 33-36. How did these "believing" Jews react? Why did they react this way? In what sense had they never been slaves, even though they had lived in Egyptian bondage, then in Babylonian captivity?
3. According to Jesus, why are they and all people slaves? How can slaves be set free? (Ex 6:6; 1Pe 1:18,19, Jn 14:6) What is the difference between a slave and a son? How does the truth set us free? How does Jesus set us free?
4. Read verses 37-41. Why did these physical descendants of Abraham try to kill Jesus? Who was Jesus' Father? How do their actions deny their claims?
5. Read verses 42-47. If God were their father, how would they treat Jesus? Who is their real father? How was the devil a liar in the beginning? In what way was he a murderer? Why could the Jews not accept Jesus' words?
6. Read verses 48-53. How did they dishonor Jesus? Why? How did he answer? What did Jesus promise to those who keep his word? How did they react? What had the Jews and Jesus previously said about Abraham? (33, 39, 40)
7. Read verses 54-58. What did Jesus teach them about Abraham here? How could Abraham see Jesus? (Gal 3:8) How is God's dealing with Abraham a prophecy of Jesus? What does Jesus teach about himself? Why did the Jews reject Jesus' claims and try to stone him?