

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

John 8:31-59

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.’”

1. Read verses 31-32. To whom is Jesus speaking? How can one really be Jesus’ disciple and how is this relational? [Note: “hold” is the same as “remain” in John 15:5,7, etc.] What is the truth (14:6)? What is the result of knowing the truth?
2. How did they misunderstand Jesus’ words (33)? In what sense are all people slaves (34)? How is a slave’s and son’s place different in the family (35)? How can we be set free and brought into God’s family (36; Jn 1:12; Col 1:13-14)?
3. Though they were Abraham’s descendants, why were they trying to kill Jesus (37-38)? For what reasons did Jesus refute their claims to be Abraham’s and God’s children (39-43)?
4. How did they show they belonged to the devil (44)? Even though Jesus told the truth, why did they not believe him (45-47)? What characterizes those who belong to God (47)?
5. How did they dishonor Jesus (48-50)? What did Jesus promise to those who keep his word (51)? How did they react (52-53)? In response, what did Jesus declare about his relationship with the Father (54-55)?
6. How could Abraham see Jesus (56-57; Gal 3:8,16)? What does Jesus’ claim “I am” mean (58; Ex 3:14)? How did they respond (59)?