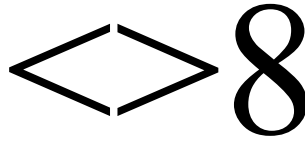


C H A P T E R



Read verses 1 through 12. This section relates the story of the woman taken in adultery. It shows the courage of Jesus in that although He was already in poor favor with the leaders of the Jews, still He opposed them and showed them up as hypocrites. It also demonstrates His compassion for sinners.

Verses 1 and 2. The concluding verse of Chapter 7 records that each man "went unto his own house." Jesus had no house, but went unto the Mount of Olives, which He often used as a place for meditation and prayer. Early the next morning He was at the temple teaching.

168. Jesus spent the night in the _____
_____,
then early in the morning returned to the Temple to _____.

Verses 3 through 6. The scribes and Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman taken in adultery. They sought an occasion to embarrass Him however He might answer. But the law provided (See Lev. 20:10) both the man and woman should be put to death. Might not Jesus have written, "Where is the man?"

169. True or False? The Jewish leaders were acting strictly in accordance with Mosaic Law when they brought only the woman for judgment.

Verses 7 through 9. Jesus seemed to be paying no attention to His questioners but finally He stood up and said, "Let he who is without sin among you cast the first stone." Stung by a guilty conscience, the men left, one by one, beginning with the eldest.

170. The accusers of the woman left without carrying out the sentencing of the woman to death, because they were convicted by their own _____.

Verses 10 and 11. As the men were filing out, Jesus again knelt and wrote in the dust. When all had left, He arose and turning to the woman, said, "Woman, where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you?" The woman replied, "No one, Lord." One can hardly overemphasize the beauty and solemnity of this scene. Son of God, Son of Man, with heart of compassion, sinless yet hating sin, said to the woman, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

171. Underline the correct conclusion. Jesus forgave the woman because (A) she was not guilty (B) of His compassion.

Read verses 12 through 19. Jesus continued His teaching and unwilling to accept His claim to be the Son of God, the Pharisees continued questioning Him,.

Verse 12. The Pharisees, like many of us today, allowed their feelings, rather than logic, to determine their judgment. Here is something they could have put to the test. "I am the Light of the World," says Jesus." Follow Me and you will not walk in darkness." If they had been willing to follow Jesus, they would have found this to be true.

172. True or False? Jesus claimed to be the "Light of the World." All men need to do is follow Him to find out that this is true.

Verses 13 and 14. "You bear witness of yourself, therefore your witness is not reliable," is a statement which is generally accepted. However, it does not apply to Jesus because He was divine.

173. Jesus bore _____ of Himself, yet this _____ was true.

Verse 15. "You judge after the flesh, I judge no man." Courts are that part of government formed to establish justice, but their verdicts are often faulty because they judge "after the flesh." They have no other way because they are composed of human beings. Jesus had divine wisdom and yet He judged no man, because His mission at this time was to *save*, not to judge.

174. The purpose of the Son of God coming to this earth in the form of human flesh was to _____ man, not to condemn.

Verse 16. "My judgment is true." In the sense of telling people where they were wrong He did this, not in the sense of carrying out the punishment. "I have the sanction of My Father in these judgments."

175. Jesus said, "My _____ are true."

Verses 17 through 19. Jesus had previously said that His witness of Himself was true, but now He adds that He does have another witness - His Father in Heaven who sent Him. Their law recognized that the witness of two persons was true. The Jews thought to trap Him by asking who His Father was. Jesus replied, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you cannot recognize God in the flesh, it shows that you never knew Him."

176. Jesus said that the fact that the Jewish leaders did not recognize Him for who he was demonstrated that they had never truly _____ God.

Verse 20. Jesus spoke these words in the "treasury," not a separate room, but part of the forecourt of the Temple. Though an attempt was made to arrest Him at this time, it was unsuccessful, "for His hour had not yet come."

177. Jesus was protected by God until His mission was completed and His _____ had come.

Read verses 20 through 27. The controversy between Jesus and the Jewish leader continues.

Verses 21 and 22. Again Jesus said, "I go where you cannot come." He will return to heaven, but those who will not believe cannot follow Him because they will never be cleansed from their sins.

178. Verses 22 and 24. This is largely a repetition of what Jesus had said previously. He emphasized that they would die in their sins because they would not

_____.

179. Jesus predicted a terrible fate for those who would not believe: "You will

_____ in your _____."

Verses 25 through 27. The Jews' questions were insincere. They hoped for an answer that would incriminate Him under their law. Jesus was willing to teach them many things, but they were unwilling to learn. He maintained that His message to the world was from the Father, but their ears were deaf to His message.

180. True or False? The Jewish leaders did not understand Jesus' teaching because they were unwilling to admit that He was God's Son.

Read verses 28 through 32. Here Jesus first spoke about His crucifixion, and then told how we may know the truth.

Verses 28 and 29. Jesus spoke of His crucifixion in language that His hearers didn't understand until it had been accomplished. "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will understand," He said. Then He added, "The Father has not deserted Me for I always do the things that please Him."

181. When Jesus spoke of His being "lifted up," he was speaking of His coming

_____, but this would not mean that His Father had

_____ Him.

Verse 30. It is somewhat difficult to understand why many would come to believe on Jesus at this time. Perhaps it was that Jesus' confident and repeated assertion that God was His Father was finally believed. But then we must not discount the work of the Holy Spirit, which can bring conviction to honest hearts.

182. After hearing the words spoken by Jesus as recorded in verses 28 and 29, many

hearers _____ on Him.

Verses 31 and 32. These words were directed, not to the general public, but to those who believed. He named one condition, the observance of which would bring two very important and beneficial rewards. The condition is: "If you continue in

My word," or, if you live a life in obedience to my teaching; and the results are: "You will be My disciple, and you will know the truth, the truth that makes you free."

- 183.** True or False? Jesus said that the believer who lives his life in accordance with His teaching will be a true disciple and will know the truth.

Read verse 33 to the end of the chapter.

This section continues the confrontation between Jesus and His enemies. They are angered by His intimation that they are not "free men," and still resist His claim to authority as the Son of God, sent to earth as God's spokesman.

Verses 33 and 34. The Jews again chose to misunderstand Jesus, claiming that being descendants of Abraham made them free. Jesus replied, "He who sins becomes the slave of sin." Truer words were never spoken.

- 184.** Jesus said, "He who commits sin is the _____ of sin.

Verses 35 and 36. What Jesus meant in these verses was that a slave has no right, but He has every right because He is the Son and has the power to make men truly free.

- 185.** Jesus said that, as the Son, He had the right to make men truly _____.

Verses 34 through 47. This long section is largely a repetition of Jesus' claim to Divinity; that He was sent into the world by His Father, and His message is true because in reality it is God's message. The main point that Jesus emphasized here was that there are two households: the Household of Faith, those who love God and keep His commandments and cherish truth, and the Household of Satan, characterized by unbelief, hatred of God and man, and diabolic acts of deceit, lying, and murder. Physically, the Jews were descendants of Abraham, but spiritually, their lives showed that they were of the Household of Satan. "He that is of God heareth the words of God; for this cause ye hear them not because ye are not of God."

- 186.** True or False? Jesus said that the reason the Jewish leaders could not hear (receive) His Word was because they were not of God.

Verses 48 and 49. The reply of the Jews was to call Jesus a Samaritan who was demon-possessed. "No," said Jesus, "I am not demon-possessed, but I honor my Father." It is not uncommon for a zealous Christian to be termed "mad," as witnessed by King Agrippa's characterization of Paul. (Acts 26:24.)

- 187.** Jesus was God-_____, not demon _____.

Verse 50. "I have no desire for glory," said Jesus. "It is God who seeks glory for Me, and He is the judge of all."

- 188.** Jesus did not _____ His own glory.

Verse 51. A very important statement by Jesus: "No one who yields himself to Me in obedience shall ever die."

189. True or False? Jesus promised eternal life to all who are obedient to Him.

Verses 52 through 58. The argument between the Jewish leaders and Jesus continued. The leaders scornfully said, "So You think Yourself greater than all the Prophets and greater than Abraham. Who do You think You are, anyway? They all died, but You say that anyone who believes on You will never die." Jesus answered, "I am not seeking honor for Myself. It is the Father who honors Me. Abraham, whom you claim as your father, knew I was to come and it made him happy."

190. Although the Jewish leaders resisted His claim, Jesus was greater than Abraham, because He had existed before Abraham and Abraham had looked forward to His _____ and it made him _____.

Verse 59. The leaders then took up stones, intending to put Jesus to death. But Jesus was miraculously hidden from them and He walked right past them and out of the temple.

191. True or False? The Jewish leaders were not able to kill Jesus because His time had not yet come.

ANSWERS:

168. Mount of Olives, teach
169. False
170. Guilty conscience
171. Of His compassion
172. True
173. Witness, witness
174. Save
175. Judgments
176. Known
177. Time
178. Believe
179. Die, sins

180. True
181. Crucifixion, deserted
182. Believed
183. True
184. Slave
185. Free
186. True
187. Possessed, possessed
188. Seek
189. True
190. Coming, glad
191. True