

Gospel of John 8

Introduction: This morning in my quiet time I always start off with worshipping the Lord through various Christian artists. I was listening to “Much Beautiful” by Chandler Moore of Maverick City. These are just a few of the powerful words. “Just one look at Jesus and everything changes.” Jesus was also looking at us from the cross of calvary. He was not thinking of his own pain or revenge on those who tortured him or accused him, condemned him or mocked him. Jesus was thinking how much he loved us and was pleading with the Father to forgive us our sins. He was thinking of all the broken, crushed & bruised people who are longing to be set free.

A. John’s gospel Jesus proclaim God

In chapter 8 Jesus refers God some form 21 times. Read 8:1-11

1. Where Moses law stone woman Deut. 22:22-24; Lev 20:10
 - a. Where is the man? He should be stoned also
 - b. Notice accusers made public spectacle of woman middle temple court. They thought look at us we are righteous judges, after all this woman is a sinner
 - c. Scribes & Pharisees experts Jewish law - position authority, right to condemn & punish
 - d. Accusers self- righteous, critical spirit, hypocritical
 - e. If Jesus said stone her against Roman law, accuse of no longer being friends sinners, not compassionate
 - f. Let her go think ok men commit adultery
 - g. Barclay’s commentary : Writing in sand by time hear what H.S. also he might have been writing down all sins accusers. “Let anyone of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.” Jn 8:7
 - a. No Jews accused her
 - b. Jesus didn’t condemn her - showed mercy, compassion

- i. Jn. 8:15 “You judge by human standards; I pass judgement on one one”
- c. How often do we judge?
 - i. I judge a lot. People disagree with politically, immoral people, people flaunting their sin lifestyle
 - ii. Those who do evil acts - make false accusations against you
 - iii. My enemies those who hate Jesus

B. Jesus light of world Jn. 8:12

- 1. Never walk in darkness
- 2. When think of light brings life - Jesus is life
 - a. Jn. 1:4-5
 - b. 1 Jn. 1:5 God is light
 - c. Light brings growth in plants, trees, grass, etc.
 - d. Bask Jesus light - produces love, joy, peace, grace, mercy, holiness, righteousness

C. Pharisees challenge Jesus witness Jn 8:13-17

- 1. Is Jesus refers law witnesses Deut. 19:15
 - a. “One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of a crime or an offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.”

D. Jesus proclaims he is God

- 1. Vs. 12 - Light world God Ps. 27:1 “The Lord is my light and my salvation”
- 2. vs. 18 - Witness Himself & Father;
 - a. “...if you know Me you would know my Father also.”
- 3. Vs. 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32, 36, 38, 40, 42, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 54, ver
- 4. Vs 28 read - Lifted up Son of Man Jewish leaders should recognized Jesus God
 - a. Num. 21:6-9 Moses lifted up snake on a pole symbol of Jesus deliverance as Jesus lifted up on cross - sin bearer

E. Jn. 8:31-32 Meditate continually Jesus teaching, abide, rest, dwell on, living in accordance to Word, total obedience, then truly disciples “you will know truth, truth set you free.”

1. Vs. 33 Jewish leaders Abramham descendants believed not slaves because God’s chosen race. Even though were slaves in Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia & Roman
 - a. Jews believed since descendents Abraham automatic salvation. birthright
2. Regarded as slave insult
3. Vs. 34 Jesus when use “very truly” or “truly truly” or “verily verily” in Greek amen (accent over the “e”) taken Hebrew amen (accent over the “a” & “e” which means “so be it.”)
 - a. Jesus using beginning sentence meant what is being said true & I am the truth
 - b. Jesus slave to sin
 - c. Socrates said: “How can you call a man free when his pleasures rule over him”
 - d. Sin habits only broken by confession of sin and faith Jesus

F. Vs. 35-36 Slave no inheritance only son permanent place family

1. Faith Jesus set free, free indeed from guilt, shame & life controlled sin

G. Vs 37-41 Jesus tells Jews seek kill me - Abraham not Father

1. Abraham welcomed God Gen 18:1-18. Came announce son
2. Jews rejected Jesus God’s messenger

H. Vs. 42-47 Jesus accuses Jews father is devil

1. Jesus proclaim God
2. If knew God - love Me
3. Your Father devil Father lies
4. Can’t hear because don’t belong God

- I. Vs. 48-50 Jews accuse Jesus Samaritan & demon-possessed
 - 1. Meant Jesus teaching heresies
 - 2. Jews hated Samaritans didn't observe all Jews laws as they did
 - 3. Jews blind Jesus truth because consumed by laws/rituals, religion their god - no relationship w/ God
 - a. Many churches caught in rituals, not relation Jesus
 - b. Fear God punishment
 - c. False religions like Islam/Mormonism all rules/regulations, man's works
 - d. Like person color blind - can't appreciate the vibrant colors in a painting

- J. Vs. 51-55 Obey Jesus word - never see death
 - 1. Jew leaders only saw physical realm
 - 2. Accuse demon possessed
 - 3. Jesus claim anyone believe in His word will not die spiritually
 - 4. Jews saw Jesus proclaiming greater than Abraham realized He claiming be God. They were saying how dare you claim God!
 - 5. Jesus states Jews don't knows God but Jesus does
 - 6. Don't glorify self Father God glorifies Me.

- K. Vs. 56-59 Jesus proclaim "I AM"
 - 1. Vs. 56 Jesus said Abraham rejoiced to see My day - past tense. Gen. 12:3 "By you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves." Jewish rabbi believe Abraham knew meant Message come from his line
 - 2. Jews leaders blinded Jesus
 - a. gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine upon them." 2 Cor. 4:4
 - 3. How could see Abraham when less than 50 years old
 - 4. Jesus proclaims "I AM" clearly stating he is God
 - a. Blinded by laws, rituals, traditions, culture and religion