**CHAPTER 8**

*The woman taken in adultery. Christ justifies his doctrine.*

**1** And Jesus went unto mount Olivet.

**2** And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him, and sitting down he taught them.

**3** And the scribes and Pharisees bring unto him a woman taken in adultery: and they set her in the midst,

**4** And said to him: Master, this woman was even now taken in adultery.

**5** Now Moses in the law commanded us to stone such a one. But what sayest thou?

**6** And this they said tempting him, that they might accuse him. But Jesus bowing himself down, wrote with his finger on the ground.

**7** When therefore they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said to them: He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

**8** And again stooping down, he wrote on the ground.

**9** But they hearing this, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest. And Jesus alone remained, and the woman standing in the midst.

**10** Then Jesus lifting up himself, said to her: Woman, where are they that accused thee? Hath no man condemned thee?

**11** Who said: No man, Lord. And Jesus said: Neither will I condemn thee. Go, and now sin no more.

**12** Again therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying: I am the light of the world. He that followeth me, walketh not in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**13** The Pharisees therefore said to him: Thou givest testimony of thyself: thy testimony is not true.

**14** Jesus answered, and said to them: Although I give testimony of myself, my testimony is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go: but you know not whence I come, or whither I go.

**15** You judge according to the flesh: I judge not any man.

**16** And if I do judge, my judgment is true: because I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

**17** And in your law it is written, that the testimony of two men is true.

**18** I am one that give testimony of myself: and the Father that sent me giveth testimony of me.

**19** They said therefore to him: Where is thy Father? Jesus answered: Neither me do you know, nor my Father: if you did know me, perhaps you would know my Father also.

**20** These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, teaching in the temple: and no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.

**21** Again therefore Jesus said to them: I go, and you shall seek me, and you shall die in your sin. Whither I go, you cannot come.

**22** The Jews therefore said: Will he kill himself, because he said: Whither I go, you cannot come?

**23** And he said to them: You are from beneath, I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world.

**24** Therefore I said to you, that you shall die in your sins. For if you believe not that I am he, you shall die in your sin.

**25** They said therefore to him: Who art thou? Jesus said to them: The beginning, who also speak unto you.

**26** Many things I have to speak and to judge of you. But he that sent me, is true: and the things I have heard of him, these same I speak in the world.

**27** And they understood not, that he called God his Father.

**28** Jesus therefore said to them: When you shall have lifted up the Son of man, then shall you know, that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself, but as the Father hath taught me, these things I speak:

**29** And he that sent me, is with me, and he hath not left me alone: for I do always the things that please him.

**30** When he spoke these things, many believed in him.

**31** Then Jesus said to those Jews, who believed him: If you continue in my word, you shall be my disciples indeed.

**32** And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**33** They answered him: We are the seed of Abraham, and we have never been slaves to any man: how sayest thou: you shall be free?

**34** Jesus answered them: Amen, amen I say unto you: that whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin.

**35** Now the servant abideth not in the house for ever; but the son abideth for ever.

**36** If therefore the son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

**37** I know that you are the children of Abraham: but you seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

**38** I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and you do the things that you have seen with your father.

**39** They answered, and said to him: Abraham is our father. Jesus saith to them: If you be the children of Abraham, do the works of Abraham.

**40** But now you seek to kill me, a man who have spoken the truth to you, which I have heard of God. This Abraham did not.

**41** You do the works of your father. They said therefore to him: We are not born of fornication: we have one Father, even God.

**42** Jesus therefore said to them: If God were your Father, you would indeed love me. For from God I proceeded, and came; for I came not of myself, but he sent me:

**43** Why do you not know my speech? Because you cannot hear my word.

**44** You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and he stood not in the truth; because truth is not in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof.

**45** But if I say the truth, you believe me not.

**46** Which of you shall convince me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe me:

**47** He that is of God, heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God.

**48** The Jews therefore answered, and said to him: Do not we say well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

**49** Jesus answered: I have not a devil: but I honour my Father, and you have dishonoured me.

**50** But I seek not my own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

**51** Amen, amen I say to you: If any man keep my word, he shall not see death for ever.

**52** The Jews therefore said: Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest: If any man keep my word, he shall not taste death for ever.

**53** Art thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? and the prophets are dead. Whom dost thou make thyself?

**54** Jesus answered: If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father that glorifieth me, of whom you say that he is your God.

**55** And you have not known him, but I know him. And if I shall say that I know him not, I shall be like to you, a liar. But I do know him, and do keep his word.

**56** Abraham your father rejoiced that he might see my day: he saw it, and was glad.

**57** The Jews therefore said to him: Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

**58** Jesus said to them: Amen, amen I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am.

**59** They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.