

Lesson 12

The Woman Caught In Adultery Jesus - The Light of the World John 8:1-20

1. Read John 8:1-12, give at least two lessons that you find in this passage.

1 while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them.

3 Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle.

4 They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.

5 Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"

6 They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

7 But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

8 Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

9 And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him.

10 Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

11 She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, (and) from now on do not sin any more."

12 Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

2. Which phrase of Jesus in this passage do we greatly ignore today with regard to relationships between men and women?

3. A. How would the woman just caught in adultery have felt?

B. What then would be the significance of Jesus' question in verse 10?

This chapter gives three revelations of Jesus We will deal with the first one from verses 12-20

12 Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You testify on your own behalf, so your testimony cannot be verified."

14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I do testify on my own behalf, my testimony can be verified, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I come from or where I am going."

15 You judge by appearances, but I do not judge anyone.

16 And even if I should judge, my judgment is valid, because I am not alone, but it is I and the Father who sent me.

17 Even in your law it is written that the testimony of two men can be verified.

18 I testify on my behalf and so does the Father who sent me."

19 So they said to him, "Where is your father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

20 He spoke these words while teaching in the treasury in the temple area. But no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

4. A. Give the first revelation:

B. Give the first interruption:

C. Give the first reply:

5. A. Give the second interruption:

B. Give the second reply:

6. Give the result:

7. What do you learn from this entire passage?

8. Read John 8:12-20 with 1 John, chapters 1 and 2. What do we have to do to “walk in darkness”? Give verses in both passages that apply.

1 John, chapters 1 and 2

Chapters 1

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life--

2 for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us--

3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

4 We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.

5 Now this is the message that we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we say, "We have fellowship with him," while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.

10 If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Chapters 2

1 My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one.

2 He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

3 The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments.

4 Whoever says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him. This is the way we may know that we are in union with him:

6 whoever claims to abide in him ought to live (just) as he lived.

7 ³Beloved, I am writing no new commandment to you but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

8 And yet I do write a new commandment to you, which holds true in him and among you, for the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

9 Whoever says he is in the light, yet hates his brother, is still in the darkness.

10 Whoever loves his brother remains in the light, and there is nothing in him to cause a fall.

11 Whoever hates his brother is in darkness; he walks in darkness and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

12 I am writing to you, children, because your sins have been forgiven for his name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have conquered the evil one.

14 I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God remains in you, and you have conquered the evil one.

15 Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life, is not from the Father but is from the world.

17 Yet the world and its enticement are passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever.

18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that the antichrist was coming, so now many antichrists have appeared. Thus we know this is the last hour.

19 They went out from us, but they were not really of our number; if they had been, they would have remained with us. Their desertion shows that none of them was of our number.

20 But you have the anointing that comes from the holy one, and you all have knowledge.

21 I write to you not because you do not know the truth but because you do, and because every lie is alien to the truth.

22 Who is the liar? Whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Whoever denies the Father and the Son, this is the antichrist.

23 No one who denies the Son has the Father, but whoever confesses the Son has the Father as well.

24 Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that he made us: eternal life.

26 I write you these things about those who would deceive you.

27 As for you, the anointing that you received from him remains in you, so that you do not need anyone to teach you. But his anointing teaches you about everything and is true and not false; just as it taught you, remain in him.

28 And now, children, remain in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not be put to shame by him at his coming.

29 If you consider that he is righteous, you also know that everyone who acts in righteousness is begotten by him.

9. What do we have to do to “walk in the light”? Give verses in both passages that apply.

10. A. What is Jesus really claiming in verse 12?

12 Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

B. With what does Jesus bolster His claim? (See 5:31-40)

John 5:31-40

31 "If I testify on my own behalf, my testimony cannot be verified.

32 But there is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony he gives on my behalf is true.

33 You sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the truth.

34 I do not accept testimony from a human being, but I say this so that you may be saved.

35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light.

36 But I have testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.

37 Moreover, the Father who sent me has testified on my behalf. But you have never heard his voice nor seen his form,

38 and you do not have his word remaining in you, because you do not believe in the one whom he has sent.

39 You search the scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf.

40 But you do not want to come to me to have life.