

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 24--John 8

Introduction: The controversy between Jesus and the Jerusalem authorities continues in this chapter. Jesus presses upon His enemies the truth that they are not men of faith like Abraham but children of the devil, indicated by their rejection of Him. On the other hand, Jesus bears witness to the truth concerning Himself with the culminating claim to be God Himself.

Lesson aim: To develop the proper application of the phrase "let he who is without sin cast the first stone".

An adulterous woman is brought to Jesus--John 8:1-11

1. Who did the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus? In what way were they trying to tempt or test the Lord?
2. Could Jesus have said in answer, "Kill the woman! "? Why or why not?
3. What was Jesus' answer to their persistent urgings for a decision? Discuss the wisdom in Jesus' answer.
4. What was the reaction of the crowd? Why do you think they reacted this way?
5. What did Jesus say to the woman? Upon what basis could the Lord offer her forgiveness?

Jesus bears witness to His nature--John 8:12-30

1. What claim did Jesus make about Himself? What did Jesus say about those who follow Him?
2. How did the Pharisees seek to discredit Jesus' testimony? How did Jesus answer?
3. What did Jesus say would happen if they did not believe in Him?
4. What did Jesus predict the Jews would do to Him? What would this sign indicate about Him?
5. Why was Jesus assured that the Father was with Him in all that He did? Is this a claim of sinlessness?

Exhortations to believers--John 8:31-59

1. What did Jesus say would cause one to be a true disciple? What would result from following His word? Of what kind of freedom was Jesus speaking?
2. Of whom did these Jews claim to be children? Who did Jesus say their father was? Why?
3. What did Jesus say they would have done if they were children of God?
4. What did the Jews say about Jesus as He emphasized their sins?
5. What did Jesus say that He could do that exalted Him over the prophets?
6. Why was Jesus Himself able to give eternal life to others? What claim did He make about Himself that calls attention to His eternal nature?
7. What did the Jews want to do to Jesus upon hearing this claim?