



## Recap

- The scribes and Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. This was a set-up to see whether He would affirm the Law or oppose the Romans.
- God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world.
- Jesus claimed to be the Light of the World. Perhaps most alarming to the religious leaders, He claimed to be I AM. Many believed in Him.

## Free Indeed (John 8:31-36)

*31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

*33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free?’”*

*34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”*

- One thing we notice about Jesus is that He was not afraid to reduce His own crowd! He trusted His Father’s plan for the Church.
- He’s speaking to those who believe in Him and tests the quality of their faith.
- True disciples are those who abide in His word. They continue to do what He says; they observe the commands of Christ.
- John 14:23: *“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”*

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- People often use the famous v. 32 wrongly. It really means that those who do the Word of the Lord will know the truth.
- The religious blindness/pride found in verse 33: is it really true that they were never in bondage to any man?
- At His first coming, Jesus' only true focus was to save people from sin. This is the liberation that Jesus knew we needed, more than any political liberation.
- Slaves don't stay in the house forever – but anyone set free by the Son has the privileges of a free man in Father's House.
- Alexander MacLaren said, *“If we are slaves of Sin, then we may be transferred from its household and brought into our true home in our Father's house. Here, then, is the blessed hope for us all.”*

**The Works Of Abraham (John 8:37-41)**

*37 “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. 38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.” 39 They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.”*

- Jesus recognizes that their physical heritage is in fact from Abraham, but they are not his children in the way that counts... they are not his children spiritually.

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- An interesting insight from Jesus about where religion leads: they seek to kill Him because His Word has no place in them. Does His word have place in me?
- Ultimately, they would seek to kill Him because His light would expose their darkness and their evil deeds.
- Your family DNA, your spiritual source of life, determines your life, and your fruit. Rather than doing the deeds of Abraham, their natural father, they are doing the deeds of their spiritual father.
- Their reference to fornication may indicate that they had heard some whispers of improprieties concerning Jesus' birth.

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