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JOHN 8:1-2 ¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.

Was Jesus too poor to afford a home?

Anything odd about their accusation against this woman caught in adultery?

What Old Testament law are the scribes and Pharisees referring to in John 8:5?

Deuteronomy 22:22-24

Why did they all of a sudden want Jesus' opinion?

What & why did Jesus write on the ground?

Who left first after hearing, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first" (John 8:7)?

Why doesn't Jesus chastise the woman for her sin?

To whom did Jesus say, "I am the light of the world..." if everybody had "left" (John 8:9)?

Why did He declare to them, "I am the light of the world"?

When night fell on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, four golden lamps were lit in the temple and remained lit for the duration of the feast. The Greek word translated, "**early in the morning**" in John 8:2 is *orthros*, which literally means "dawn". As the day dawned after the last night of the feast, the four golden lamps are extinguished. It is at this moment that Jesus told those around Him, "**I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**" (John 8:12)

Is it true that Jesus judges "no one" as He says in John 8:15?

For what reason will some Jews die in their sins?

What or who is "the truth" (John 8:32) that will set them free?

Is it true that they "have never been in bondage to anyone" as they claim in John 8:33?

Absolutely not. They had been in bondage in Egypt for 400 years, the Assyrians when they were conquered in 722 BC, the Babylonians during the 7th and 6th centuries BC, and were presently in bondage under the Romans.

Is that what Jesus points out in John 8:34?

No, He remains in the spiritual realm.

How does what he said in John 8:34, "Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin" apply to us?

Whatever sins we have in our lives enslave us.

What sin enslaves you (think about it)?

How do we get free from sin? We come to Him first in our sinful state and ask Him to free and clean us.

What qualifies someone as Jesus' disciple?

"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed." (John 8:31) We need to know what Jesus said in order to know what to abide in, but knowledge by itself is insufficient. Obedience is what qualifies us.

Why do they call Jesus a "Samaritan" in John 8:48?

Samaritans were half-breeds born outside the Jewish race. It was a racist insult.

Why did they take up stones?

They were going to stone Jesus to death.

When would you expect them to be inflamed enough to try to kill Him?

[John 8:44](#), when Jesus called them the sons of the devil.

What was worse than being called the sons of the devil that made them grab stones to kill Him?

Jesus' declaration, **"Before Abraham was, I AM."** (John 8:58)

What's the big deal about saying, "Before Abraham was, I AM"?

"I AM" is the name God gave Himself in Exodus 3:13-14: **"Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"** Jesus was declaring to them in terms that are crystal clear to them that He is God, and that's what made them try to kill Him.

How did Jesus hide Himself and go through "the midst of them" (John 8:59)?

Probably the same way He did in when the people tried to kill Him upon hearing His very first sermon in Nazareth: **"So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way."** (Luke 4:28-30) Walking invisibly through a crowd is easy for God.

Did Abraham really see Jesus and "was glad" as He said in John 8:56?

The answer is found in a fascinating passage in Genesis. Before continuing below, please click on and carefully read [Genesis 14](#) and [Genesis 15](#), including the questions and answers. Note that Abraham is still called, "Abram," in these early chapters of Genesis.

So did Abraham see Jesus and "was glad" as Jesus said in John 8:56?

You bet. Jesus saved his life, as He saved ours.