

**Read Chapter 8**

**THE TRUE LIGHT** Vs 1-11: Light brings understanding. A sinful woman, condemned by those who regarded themselves as righteous, was fearful. Jesus shows compassion by silently rebuking those who condemned. Jesus did not condone sin, v11, but warned of its consequences. Vs 12-20: With the setting of the Temple on a hill, the people were reminded of Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light & my salvation". Here Jesus Christ again claims fulfillment of this promise. Compare Matthew 5:14-16. The light played a part in Jewish worship, the Greeks accepted the terms of light & darkness for good & evil. So Jesus draws attention to Himself as the source of all real light. See ch 1. He plainly tells that those who will not see are blinded by the devil, whose sons they are! Vs 43-45. Verse 46: A daring challenge – no-one could make such a statement, unless He was indeed God. Verses 56-58: Jesus again asserts His eternal existence. Abraham looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. Compare Galatians 3:16 & 29

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 8:35 & 36**

**QUESTIONS**

11. Was Jesus Christ condoning sin in the woman, by not openly condemning her? Vs 1-11

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12. How were they "in slavery" and in need of being made free? Vs 24-40

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13. What are some of the lies which Satan is spreading these days to deceive people? Vs 44-45

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**ADVANCED LESSON 2**

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**Read Chapter 5**

**A MIRACLE WITH A MESSAGE** Vs 1-9: In the midst of crowds, the Lord Jesus still seeks the needy - vs 1, 6 & 13. V6: Does this seem a strange question? After 38 years, this man still had hope, even though up till that stage, the hope was unfulfilled. V7: 1st step to healing was a confession of need. Compare 1John 1:8-9. Confession with faith evidenced by immediate obedience brings blessing V 9. God comes in when man reaches the end of his own power and calls on the Almighty in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Vs 10-11: Religious people, more concerned with formalities than need, often fail to find blessing Vs 16-18. The Jews failed to see God's hand at work in Jesus Christ Vs 17 & 19-21. Vs 21-30: Stupendous claim by Jesus, claiming Divine status. It's not possible to "honour the Father" without "honouring the Son". The title "father" implies sonship. Compare 1John 2:22 & 23.

**THE WAY OF LIFE REJECTED** Vs 31-47: The people had known the verdict of several "witnesses", yet had failed to find "life", because they did not accept Him, who was the source of Life V 40. Read these verses carefully.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 5:24 & 39**

**QUESTIONS**

1. .Write down the verses in this chapter which show that Jesus Christ is Divine.

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2. What great lessons do we learn from the story of Christ's healing of the invalid man?

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3. What four things (or people) bear witness to Jesus – see vs 32-40. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save sinners, had this to say of the people “yet you refuse to come to me” and “you do not accept me”. Write out the verses which include these words.

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**POINTS TO PONDER:** Have I acknowledged Christ’s Lordship in everything?

**Read Chapter 6**

**THE TRUE BREAD** Vs 1-15: Historically this miracle comes during the Feast of Passover, when many thousands of people were in Jerusalem, having come from all parts of the country. For many it was a holiday as well as a religious festival. Great crowds followed Jesus, V 2, who went for a little while to a secluded place, V 3. His compassion was stirred as He saw the people as “sheep without a shepherd”, V 5. V 7: Philip, possibly a local resident had no idea at all as to how the need might be met. Vs 8-9: Andrew had a meagre hope and the lad a willing spirit. But the Lord provided an abundance! Vs 11-12. The fact that there were 12 baskets left over, indicates God’s lavish provision. He has promised the believer to supply “all your needs” - Phil 4:19; also Psalm 23 “I shall not want” & Psalm 34:10. At the Passover people ate unleavened bread, as a reminder of God’s deliverance of their forefathers from slavery, Exodus 12:1-17; God had also provided “manna” in the wilderness. See V 31 & compare Exodus 16:15. They wanted Jesus to show Himself greater than Moses, V 31-34, who they said had provided the bread from heaven. Jesus explains the true meaning of bread, Vs 33-35. See also V 58. Refer to Ch 4 “living water” also. Vs 15-21: These verses show Jesus’ ever present care of His loved ones, even though He was weary. He knows our needs at all times – See Vs 37-71: Jesus comes in answer to men’s need, but many find it hard to accept His provision of life. Once again Jesus claims oneness with the Father and ability to give life to those who trust Him. But He knows, too, those who are not sincere, V51-57. Only by our “receiving” Him into our lives, can we become part of His life which He then lives through us, see Ch 15 “the vine & branches”

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 6:35,68 & 69**

**QUESTIONS**

5. Should we seek to meet peoples’ physical needs without “preaching” or should we take the opportunity for a spiritual message as well? – consider 2 Tim 4:2.

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6. Do you think the crowds who acclaimed Him were genuine in their desire to follow Him? (Give verses)

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7. Read carefully vs 66-69. Comment on at least one of these verses.

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**POINT TO PONDER:** Am I like the lad who gave all he had to Jesus.

**Read Chapter 7**

**OPPOSITION & DIVISION** Vs 1-13: The Feast of Tabernacles, Ex 23:16. This was a kind of Harvest Thanksgiving and was a compulsory festival for all male Jews. Jesus’ brothers were anxious that He “show His power”. Were they seeking the limelight by being associated with the “miracle worker”? They did not exhibit the sensitivity which Jesus did as He was ever conscious of God’s leading in His life, Vs 9-10, and awaited His time, V 14, to speak with the people - see V 37: On the last day of the feast, great cauldrons of water were poured out to remind people of God’s provision of water for their forefathers in the wilderness - Numbers 20:8-11& Isaiah 12:3-4. V 38: Jesus again proclaims Himself as the One able to give “living water”. No Christian life need ever be barren or prayer life dry & joyless. Like a fresh spring of water in a desert, the Holy Spirit wells up within and guarantees us ever continuing new life. V 39: The Holy Spirit was to be given when Jesus ascended to heaven, Acts 2. Compare John 14:16 & John 16:13-15, where Jesus gives this promise. Acts 2 records what happened during the festival of Pentecost, when He came. He is still with every believer in the world since that time, Romans 8:9-10 & 15-17. Without Him we do not belong to Christ. We have no need to plead for the Holy Spirit. He comes at our conversion to dwell in us, John 14:17.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 7:37 & 38**

**QUESTIONS**

8. How many different opinions were expressed about Jesus by various people? List them.

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9. Why were the people not able to “seize Him”? vs 30,32 & 43 (Reference to Nicodemus here)

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10. Why do you think His brothers did not believe in Him? V5

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