

## INTRODUCING JESUS

*Guide to Sharing Jesus Through the Gospel of John*

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### Chapter 8: Conflict Continues...

Compassion or Condemnation? (1-11)

1. 7:53 - How do these verses highlight the temporary residency of Jesus among mankind? (See 8:1 also 1:14) \_\_\_\_\_
2. 2-6 How is the woman caught in adultery being used as a trap for Jesus? (3-6)  
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Are the Pharisees really concerned about the woman's adultery, or are they just using it as a means to an end? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why do you think Jesus writes on the ground? (6) \_\_\_\_\_
3. 7-9 How does Jesus turn the Pharisees' own trap against them? (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do they slink away? (9) \_\_\_\_\_
4. 10-11 Why does Jesus dismiss the case against this obviously guilty woman? (11) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Is Jesus being soft on this woman's sin? (11) \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Think:** What does this incident illustrate about Jesus' attitude to people, and to sin?  
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6. **Personal:** What do you think is Jesus' attitude toward *your* sins? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like your sins to be forgiven? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Light and Darkness (12-30)

1. 12 How is Jesus the "light of the world?" (12) \_\_\_\_\_  
What does it mean to "walk in darkness?" (12) \_\_\_\_\_  
How much does the world need spiritual light? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_
2. 13-20 To what extent do you think Jesus' claims are self-validating? (12-13) \_\_\_\_\_  
Does light need a witness, or is it self-evident? \_\_\_\_\_  
What does it mean to "judge according to the flesh?" (15) \_\_\_\_\_  
What does v 19 mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why don't the Pharisees just dismiss Jesus as insane? \_\_\_\_\_
3. 21-24 How is v 24 a warning to the Pharisees? \_\_\_\_\_  
How important is it to believe in Jesus? (24) \_\_\_\_\_  
How does Jesus' going away lend urgency to believing in Him? (21) \_\_\_\_\_

4. 25-30 How does the crucifixion promote belief in Jesus? (28-30) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. **Think:** What are the consequences for an individual, family, or nation that walks in spiritual darkness? \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Personal:** Do you want to walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Slavery or Freedom? (31-59)

1. 31-36 What is the test of a true disciple of Christ? (31) \_\_\_\_\_  
 From what does the truth make us free? (32) \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is sin, and how does it enslave? (33-34) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 How can Jesus free us from sin? (36) \_\_\_\_\_
2. 37-47 In what three ways did the Jews' attitude differ from Abraham's? (37, 39, 40) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 How valid is it to trust in descent from a spiritual ancestor for our own acceptability with God? (37) \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
 As shown by their deeds, who is the true spiritual father of the Jews? (42-44) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 What are the three characteristics of the devil and his followers? (44) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 How do these characteristics contrast with those of Christ and His disciples? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 What is the basic problem of someone who won't heed the word of God? (47) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. 48-59 What kind of death is Jesus talking about in v 51? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What does Jesus mean by the expression "I AM?" (58) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Why do the Jews pick up stones? (59) \_\_\_\_\_  
 What does Jesus hope to achieve through these extended dialogues? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. **Think:** According to this passage, what do believers in Christ receive? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. **Personal:** Do you want the truth and freedom that Jesus offers? \_\_\_\_\_