

## The Gospel of John (Lesson 18)

### Introduction:

1. The Gospel of John is a tremendous source for helping us to grow in the knowledge of the Lord as we are instructed in 2 Peter 3:18.
2. We have observed in our study of John 1-7 that many people did not receive Jesus, as indicated in John 1:5, 10-11.
3. However, there were occasions when the most unlikely people did receive the Lord, such as the people of Samaria (John 4:39-42).
4. In this lesson we are covering the information presented in John 8:1-11.
  - a. The Jewish scribes and Pharisees were antagonistic toward Jesus.
  - b. Jesus saved a woman caught in adultery.

### Discussion:

- I. LET US FIRST EXAMINE THE SETTING FOR WHAT HAPPENED
  - A. Ch.7 concludes with the people going to their own homes.
  - B. As ch.8 begins, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives (vs.1).
  - C. We learn from John 8:2 that Jesus returned to the temple early in the morning.
    1. Jesus had been teaching in the temple (John 7:14).
    2. Later, even though it was early, many people came to the Lord.
    3. Jesus sat down and taught those who were present.
- II. (John 8:3-6a) THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES CONFRONTED JESUS
  - A. They brought a woman caught in adultery.
  - B. They mentioned the punishment in the Law of Moses for adultery.
  - C. They wanted Jesus to pass judgment on this woman.
  - D. Their motive is revealed in vs.6a -- they were looking for something to use against Jesus.
  - E. We must remember that the Romans did not allow the Jews to administer capital punishment (John 18:31).
- III. LET US BE REMINDED OF THE ACTUAL TEACHING IN THE LAW OF MOSES
  - A. The punishment for adultery was death (Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22), including the man and the woman.
  - B. Multiple witnesses were required for establishing a charge against anyone (Deuteronomy 19:15).
  - C. The witnesses were to lead in the execution of someone guilty of a capital offense (Deuteronomy 17:6-7).
- IV. (John 8:6b) JESUS INITIALLY IGNORED THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES
- V. (John 8:7-8) JESUS RESPONDED TO THEIR PERSISTENCE WITH HIS FAMOUS STATEMENT AND RETURNED TO IGNORING THEM
- VI. (John 8:9) THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES LEFT
- VII. (John 8:10-11) JESUS AND THE WOMAN FINALLY TALKED
  - A. Keep in mind that many people had come to the Lord as He taught.
  - B. The Lord's comments showed the woman and others that He had a special mission to fulfill (Luke 9:56; 19:10; John 12:47; 1 Timothy 1:15).