

Lesson 13: In Jerusalem For the Feast

December 30, 2020

"Jesus And The Woman Taken In Adultery"

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- KJV and NKJV "*being convicted by their own conscience*" not in the Greek text.
- "*Beginning with the older ones ...*" either referring to age or rank.
- **NOTE:** When Jesus said, "***Neither do I condemn thee ...***" Jesus was not implying what the woman had done was right.
- Yet, He could not command that she be stoned without witnesses. (Deuteronomy 17:7)
- Secondly, He stood prepared to forgive her – **if she was willing to repent.** (cf. **Matthew 9:13; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9**)
- As Lord, He is willing to forgive all sin.
- He often forgave sinners while on earth. (cf. Luke 7:47; Matthew 9:2)
- Yet, forgiveness is conditioned upon repentance and obedience. (cf. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

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- Those who continue to sin will reap eternal condemnation (cf. Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:5-14; Revelation 21:8)
- "*I do not condemn you.*" (John 3:17; 12:47-48)
 - "Condemn" – *katakrino* – to give judgment against, to judge worthy of punishment, (Thayer) ... worthy to die as punishment.
 - Howbeit, this leaves out one important consideration: Jesus had not come into the world to judge and condemn (John 3:17; 8:15), but to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).
- Did this mean Jesus approved of her actions?
- Jesus told her to "*go and sin no more.*"

NOTE: Jesus called what she did "sin."

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NOTE: What Jesus did NOT say:

- Your sins are forgiven.
- You are saved.
- Jesus did instruct her to **stop sinning!** (John 5:14; 1 Corinthians 15:34; 1 John 2:1-2)
- "**No more ...**" (2 Corinthians 5:15; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 4:17; 1 Peter 4:2)
- Though not condemned to death, judgment is coming! (John 12:47-48; cf. Deuteronomy 18:19; John 8:26)

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Jesus Teaches At The Feast

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- In this chapter Jesus makes a very bold claim.
 - He claims to be the light of the world.
 - The Jews continue to resent his claims and their prejudice becomes apparent.

The Jews desire to kill him because he said, "**I AM.**"

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Jesus makes seven bold claims ("I AM") in the gospel of John. Jesus said "I AM" ...

1. The bread of life. John 6:35
2. The light of the world. John 8:12
3. The door. John 10:7
4. The good shepherd. John 10:11
5. The resurrection. John 11:25
6. The way, the truth, and the life. John 14:6
7. The true vine. John 15:1

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8:12 – Truth is represented in the Bible as being "*light*" because it **proclaims knowledge** to the ignorant and **exposes evil** which is represented as "*darkness*." (cf. John 3:19-21)

- Note the emphasis in John's writing on "**truth**," "**light**," and "**darkness**."
- The gospel. (John 1:1-4; 3:19-20; 12:35-36)
- Especially in the epistles of:
 - 1 John 1:5-9; 2:4,8-11; 3:18-19; 4:6; 5:7;
 - 2 John 1,3,4;
 - 3 John 1,3,4,8,12.

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The use of "**light**" in:

- Prophecy: (Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16; Luke 1:78-79); Psalms 119:105, "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path.*" Psalms 119:130, "*The opening of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*"
- The epistles: (2 Corinthians 4:1-6; 2 Peter 1:19)

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Jesus came that we might become lights through Him!

- Matthew 5:14, "**You are the light of the world.**"
- Ephesians 5:7-8, "... **walk** as children of light."
- Philippians 2:15, "... **you appear** as lights in the world."