

Jesus as the Light of the World

John 8:1-59

- I. A SINFUL WOMAN FINDS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (John 8:1-11)
 - A. The Continued Ministry of Christ (John 8:1-2)
 1. Prayer (John 8:1; Luke 21:37-38; 22:39-40)
 2. Teaching (John 8: 2; 1Timothy 3:2)
 - B. The Vicious Plot of the Pharisees (John 8:3-6)
 1. Their accusation of the woman (John 8:3-4; Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 2:1-3, 21-22)
 2. Their reference to the law (John 8:5; Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22);
Note: both the man and the woman were to be put to death.
 3. Their tempting of Christ (John 8:5-6; Matthew 22:15)
 - C. The Quiet Dispersion of the Pharisees (John 8:7-9)
 1. The challenge of the Saviour (John 8:7-8; see Deuteronomy 17:6-7)
 2. The writing on the ground (John 8:8)
 - a. What did He write?
 - (1) The Bible does not say.
 - (2) But perhaps it was the portions of the law that condemned both the woman and the man to be put to death for adultery. The man was not brought to Jesus.
 - b. Scripture references to writing by God
 - (1) The two tables of testimony (Exodus 31:18; Deuteronomy 9:10)
 - (2) The writing on the wall (Daniel 5:5)
 - (3) The writing of Jesus on the ground (John 8:8)
 - c. The finger of God
 - (1) Identified as the Spirit of God (cp. Luke 11:20 with Matthew 12:28)
 - (2) Delivers the word (Exodus 31:18)
 - (3) Convicts the sinner (John 8:6-9)
 - (4) Imparts life (Exodus 8:19)
 - (5) Defeats the devil (Luke 11:14-26)
 3. The conviction of the accusers (John 8:9)
 - a. God reveals to man's conscience that there is a personal God (Romans 1:18-20)

- (1) Who in great power created the universe
 - (2) Who should be obeyed
 - b. Man's conscience reveals that there is a right and a wrong.
 - (1) This conscience is possessed by all men (John 8:9).
 - (2) This conscience tells man that it is his duty to do the right thing (Romans 2:13-15).
 - c. Man's conscience is not always a dependable indicator of what is right.
 - (1) It can be weak (1 Corinthians 8:7).
 - (2) It can be defiled (Titus 1:15).
 - (3) It can be seared; that is, burned to the point that it has no feeling (1 Timothy 4:2).
 - (4) Only God's word is infallible (Psalm 119:9).
 - d. The righteous can develop their conscience so that it provides spiritual guidance in this life.
 - (1) It can be exercised by the application of the word to our lives (Hebrews 5:12-14).
 - (2) It can be kept sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit by exercising ourselves to keep it void of offense (Acts 23:1; Acts 24:16; Romans 13:5; 1 Timothy 1:5, 19; 1 Timothy 3:9).
 - (3) As such, it becomes a tool by which the Holy Spirit bears witness to the actions of our life (Romans 9:1).
- D. The Great Salvation of the Saviour (John 8:10-11)
- 1. No accusers (John 8:10; Romans 8:33)
 - 2. No condemnation (John 8:11; John 3:17; Luke 19:10; Romans 8:34)