

# *Light and Life:* Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **Set Free**

## **John 8:31-32 (ESV)**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**"

*What **kind** of 'believer' am I?*

*The **test** of ...*

*'**Free**' from what?*

Jesus **debates** and **divides** the crowd:

## **John 8:33 (ESV)**

They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

*A picture of **denial** ...*

## **John 8:34-47 (ESV)**

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.** The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So **if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.** I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

They answered him, "Abraham is our father."

Jesus said to them, "**If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did,** but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing the works your father did."

They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God."

Jesus said to them, "**If God were your Father, you would love me,** for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and **your will is to do your father's desires.** He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, **why do you not believe me?** Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The **reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.**"

## 5 lessons Jesus taught in this exchange:

Sin makes everyone who sins ...

### **Romans 6:16 (ESV)**

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, **you are slaves of the one whom you obey**, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

*Spiritual **bondage** defined:*

Jesus came to ...

### **Galatians 5:1 (ESV)**

For freedom **Christ has set us free**; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

The defining criteria of 'sonship' is ...

### **John 14:15, 23 (ESV)**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments".

"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word ..."

Our 'free will' is ...

### **Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV)**

And **you were dead in the trespasses and sins** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived ...

*What sin **is**:*

*What sin **does**:*

We don't believe because ...

Isaiah 6, John 12:37-40

## **Epilogue:** Jesus, Greater than Abraham

### **John 8:48-59**

*The **condition** of eternal life:*

*The Giver of Life - the Great "**I AM**":*