

**"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan****JOHN 8****John 8**

What is truth? So many great passages in the Gospel of John to work through that are filled with truth about who Jesus is. In John eight, the Lord Jesus is teaching in the temple at the break of dawn, and a crowd is already gathering around Him. The crowd also draws the attention of the Pharisees, and they see another opportunity to trap Jesus. They find a woman who is **"caught in the act"** of adultery. Where is the man? It takes two to commit the act of adultery. This was a trick to catch Jesus off guard. Impossible. After Jesus deals with the religious leaders by pointing out their sins, the woman is left standing alone before Jesus as the accusers fall out one by one and leave the scene. Jesus said to the woman, **"Go and sin no more."** Jesus did not overlook the woman's sinful act. He forgave her and called for repentance and obedience.

**So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'? Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.**

**"The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. "So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:31-36)**

Jesus called attention to those who were listening, that those who are really His disciples are those who "abide" or continue in His Word. Obedience is the hallmark of security of the believer in Jesus. There is no assurance of salvation to anyone who continues a life that is characterized by rebellion and disobedience to the revealed Word of God. None. Obedience is not the means of salvation, but it is the abiding reality of a true relationship with Jesus. Jesus said, **"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. (v.32).** John 17:17 identifies the "Truth" as the written Word of God. **"Your Word is Truth."** Yet Jesus said, "I am the way, **the Truth**, and the life." (John 14:6, **emphasis mine**) Which is it? Is the Bible God's **written Word Truth**, or is Jesus the **living Word Truth**? The answer is, of course, Yes! Jesus is presented in the Bible as the *Living Word*, fleshing out the *Written Word*. He is the *Living Truth*, showing us what the *Written Truth* looks like as a man, living in perfect obedience to the law of God.

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**Prayer and Action Steps**

*Lord, teach me to know the truth, live the truth. Teach me and help me live every moment in the reality that Jesus is the Messiah and that by studying the Written objective truth of the Bible, I can know Jesus as Lord and Savior and by His Spirit in me, enabling me to live a life of faithful obedience to Him. Amen*