**Book of John 8:1-30 Vol 17
Sin No More**

**This chapter opens as Jesus retires from the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, Tents, or Sukkot which means, “God dwells with us.” He returns to the Temple for more teaching.**

**What does the Feast of Tabernacles represent?  At its most basic level, it is a fall festival, celebrating the abundance of God’s blessings in connection with the ingathering of the fall harvest.**

**It is also a memorial of the Exodus, when the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, living in tabernacles, or tents, en route to the Promised Land.  It is, therefore, a representation of faith in God’s protection and promises.**

**In addition, the Feast of Tabernacles looks forward to the great ingathering of believers after the return of Christ, during the time of His millennial rule on earth.**

**Today’s Outline**:
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Joh 8:1-30 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. 2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

**The Woman Caught in Adultery vs’ 3-11**3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, 4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? 6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not* : 7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. 8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 9 And they which heard *it,* being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

***Many interesting point about this passage. 1. The Pharisees did this in front of the crowd that was being taught by Jesus 2. Where is the man who was in adultery when the woman was thrown before Jesus? Both are guilty before the Law. 3. The Pharisees pointed to the Law but the motive was to tempt Jesus so they could persecute Him under the Law. 4. He responds with writing in the sand which was probably either the specifics of the Law, or the accusers individual sins, maybe both. During his writing in the sand he spoke about whoever was without sin, should cast the first stone 5. This moved the hypocrites to begin to leave one at a time oldest to youngest. Lastly, we see that Jesus lifts her up and commands her to go and sin no more!
 Jesus did the same thing with the lame man He healed from the pool of Bethesda in John 5:14 In both instances we see Jesus embarrassing these religious leaders, exposing bad motives, and this leads them to seek His life for violating their views on Sabbath, healing, making Himself equal to God.***Joh 5:8-18 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. 10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed. 11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. 12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? 13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place. 14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. 15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. 17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. **18** Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

***Now, we see the Jews trying to kill Jesus again for what? Healing on the Sabbath? What was the Sabbath for man or man for the Sabbath?***

Mat 12:8-14 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. 9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: 10 And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. **11** And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? 12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

**Luk 6:2-5** And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days? 3 And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungred, and they which were with him; 4 How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone? 5 And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

**Jesus Continues to Teach vs’ 12-20**

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. 13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. 14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, *yet* my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. 19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. 20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

***Here we see Jesus continuing to teach the people in the temple. He points to Himself as the Light and that those that are following Him would not walk in sin, but the Light of Life which is Christ and holiness.***

Joh 3:19-21 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

***He is falsely accused because of His testimony, Jesus does not deny it, and points to the Father who sent Him and where He came from. Sounds familiar, eh? Again, we see the hypocrite Pharisees not laying hands on Him, the Father protecting Him from the assassins until that moment in History that God has appointed for His death upon the cross the Passover week.*Going With Jesus vs’ 21-30**

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. 22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. 23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he,* ye shall die in your sins. 25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even *the same* that I said unto you from the beginning. 26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. 27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. 28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he,* and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. **30** As he spake these words, many believed on him
 ***vs 21-22 Jesus’ way is the narrow and difficult way. He points to their seeking to destroy Him, and dying in sin. He points to what seems like inability to come after Him. But we know that’s not true because Nicodemus and others came after Him. What Jesus is saying is that with this type of motive you can not come after God and actually find him. You must come as a child. They continue to imagine things of his statements.

vs 23-24 Could you preach to sinners that they are from below and you are from above? Is your heart and mind set upon things above or below? If you are born again, then you can say that you are from above by the Holy Ghost, and that the carnal man is from this world. We must die to the old practices of sin.***

***Vs 28-30 Jesus spoke of Himself being lifted upon that cross by the Jews.*** Joh 3:14-15 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Joh 12:32-36 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die. 34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? 35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

***Now, I have always thought/taught that this lifting up of Jesus was only what happened with Jesus at the cross. But, if you equate lifting up to ‘raising up’ then you can see another aspect in that Jesus was lifted or raised up from the dead thus being the first born in the resurrection and proving Himself deity.***

Act\_2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Act\_2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Act\_13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Rom\_4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Rom\_6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom\_8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

1Co\_6:14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

1Co\_15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

2Co\_4:14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

***Lastly, I wanted to remind everyone that today is the big Easter celebrations that the churches do which sometimes involve bunnies, eggs, etc. We know that Passover week is fulfilled now by His death, burial, and resurrection. This is the great hope we have in Jesus Christ that His shed blood has been sprinkled on the doorposts of our hearts.***