

John 8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

- The breaks and divisions in the Bible were added after. The original text didn't have chapters or verses; it was only the whole books.
- Chapters were added in the 13th century, and verses in the 16th century
- **The last verse in the previous chapter, John 7:53** And everyone went to his own house.
- Everyone went to their own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives
- Jesus loved to go to the Mount of Olives
 - Jesus taught on the Mount of Olives, He prayed on the Mount of Olives(garden of Gethsemany), He was betrayed on the Mount of Olives, He ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives, and **Zechariah 14:4** tells us that when Jesus returns to establish His millennial reign, His feet will touch the mount of Olives and it will be split in two and create a great valley
 - Jesus often went there. He said once, “Jesus said, foxes have holes, birds of the air have nests, the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.”
 - The humility of Jesus, the King of Kings, Jesus didn't have a home
 - When he died on the cross, he used a borrowed tomb, which makes sense; he only used it for the weekend (the first **Airbnb**)
 - Think about this. He didn't buy a house, He didn't buy a tomb, but He bought us at the highest price He laid down His life to buy us back (the exact definition of redemption)

John 8:2 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.

- He is a bit closer now within the temple. He is in the court of the women
- Teaching early morning
- A day after the great day of the Feast of Tabernacles (important to know)

John 8:3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do you say?” 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last.

- For the Jewish leaders, there were 3 major sins. Idolatry, murder, and adultery
- These were like the top 3 felonies; the penalty was de[e]-l23oji4. Idolatry: Israel had one God - Murder: the 6th commandment - Adultery: which affected the family
- They want to trap Jesus, this is surely a trap because they only brought he woman, where is the man?
- The law said to stone both of them
- This was a law that Jews had not practiced for over 1,000 years. years, and at this time, the Romans had taken that power (capital punishment) from the people of Israel
- They said, “Moses commanded us that such must be stoned. What do you say?”
 - No matter how Jesus answers, it's a lose-lose.

1. If he says fulfill the law, they would say we taught you could forgive sins, and aren't you a friend of sinners
 2. If He said don't stone her, they would accuse Him of breaking the law.
- So, Jesus begins to write on the ground, as if He didn't hear them
 - The only time we read that Jesus wrote something
 - We can only speculate what He wrote. We don't know (maybe their sins)
 - Jesus, after they insisted, got up and said, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." (Famous words)
 - Jesus said Go ahead, but there is one qualification:
 - If you are without sin." **Anamartētos an-am-ar-tay-tos**
 - Then He sat down again and wrote on the ground again (I'm going to ask Him what he wrote, I want to know), some claim to know, but they don't
 - Their conscience convicted all of them, and all left one by one, from the oldest (interesting) to the last
 - They left because no one is without sin. There is only one. His name is Jesus, the perfect lamb of God, the alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.....

And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

- Jesus says Where are your accusers?
- He was the only one qualified to condemn this woman
- Neither do I condemn you... Go and sin no more
- This is a picture of the **Gospel of Jesus Christ**
 - Forgiveness, mercy, grace
 - Also, sanctification, go and sin no more
 - Jesus will meet us where we are, but loves us too much to leave us there. He gives us the power and grace to come out and have new life in Him

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

- **Context:** It is the day after the great day of the feast, they were probably bringing down the 4 65-gallon oil lamps used to celebrate the feast of the tabernacles, most likely that's why there were people there early in the morning
- These 4 65-gallon lamps lit up the court of the women and could be seen from all Jerusalem in remembrance of the pillar of fire in the wilderness
- They are remembering, celebrating the pillar of fire that gave Israel light, warmth, and security in the Wilderness, as Jesus shocks them again
- So Jesus says the following: "I am the Light of the World."
- We have to see the importance of what He is saying, the light (pillar of fire) that they saw in the wilderness, the true light is here before you.
- He is the light that brings life. **John 1:1** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

13 The Pharisees **therefore** said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."

- They begin to question Jesus and accuse Him
- Now this will not be like a few chapters ago when he brought forth 3 witnesses: John the Baptist, the miracles, and the Word of God (Old Testament)
- He will debate them and confront them
- Keep a close eye on “I am”; this phrase would refer to the “I AM” from the burning bush with Moses

14 Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. 16 And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. 17 It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”

- This time, He says I don’t need witnesses, I give witness of myself and my Father.
 - The miracles, the voice heard when He was baptized, the Word of God.

19 Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?”

Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”

- Jesus was a person of interest to the Jewish leaders. By this time, they had already resolved to kill Him since chapter 6 months earlier
- Some of them probably knew what family Jesus came from and who his father was (Joseph),

20 These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

- I love this verse because even though they wanted to lay hands on Him, they couldn’t because His hour had not yet come
- Speaking of the sovereignty of God, nothing happens unless God allows it.
- If it does happen, is because it’s God’s time. He has something better, and a plan even in tragedies
- It is tragic when something really bad happens, but for the believers, this is as bad as it gets. Something better is ahead for those of us who believe in an eternity with Jesus

Jesus Predicts His Departure

21 Then Jesus said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come.”

22 So the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself, because He says, ‘Where I go you cannot come’?”

- They said this as a derogatory remark to Jesus. The Pharisees believed that there was a special, higher level of suffering for those who committed suicide.
- Jesus understands their remarks, so He will confront them head-on. He will not hold back

23 And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

- I am from heaven, you are from Earth. He explains what that means
- Above: heaven, the kingdom of God

- The world: not the planet earth, but the system controlled by satan, that stands against God
2 Corinthians 4: 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, satan is the god of this world
- Jesus says you, religious leaders, are of the world!!! They understood exactly what He was saying
- You will die in sin unless you believe that I AM
- Again, the I AM from the burning bush

25 Then they said to Him, "Who are You?"

And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. 26 I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

27 They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

28 Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. 29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

- They are confused again about Him and ask Who are you?
- Jesus again tells them who He is
- Jesus speaks of His death and resurrection

30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

- Misconception that many have
- Many people, even some Pharisees and Jewish leaders, believed in Him
- Nicodimus brought spices for His tomb, and Gamaliel most likely was a believer
- Many after He resurrected believed in Him, like his own brothers James and Jude
- The day of Pentecost, 300 Jewish people believed in Him
- A day after, at the temple at Solomon's portico, 5,000 believed
- There are many still today receiving the good news of the Gospel
- Believe the Gospel !!!!!