

## DAY TWENTY-FOUR 24

### WORTHLESS WOMAN

John 8:1-32



*These men probably left oldest to youngest, because of their wisdom, according to their age. Note Leviticus 20:10.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery. They set her in the center of the entire group and said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what do You say?"

And they were saying this, testing Him, in order that they might have basis for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground. But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And when they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, still in the spot where she had been.

And straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" And she said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on sin no more."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You are bearing witness of Yourself; your witness is not true." 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, or where I am going. You people judge based upon outward appearance; I am not judging anyone. But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and He who sent me. Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two men is true. I testify of Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies of Me."

And so they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me, nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also." These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come. He said again to them

“I am going away, and you shall search for Me, and shall die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.”

The Jews then said, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’” And He was saying to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. This is why I said to you that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He you shall die in your sins.” And so they were saying to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “What have I been saying to you from the beginning? I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.” They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father.

Jesus therefore said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know it is Me, and that I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.” As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.

Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

*Following Jesus  
has little to do with being  
religious and a lot to do with  
hearing His voice. This is what  
being a "disciple" is all about.  
Believe - know the truth - and  
experience true freedom!*

## **CONFLICT WITH THE KING**

John 8:33-59

They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s offspring, and have never 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. And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham’s offspring; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father.”

They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you are Abraham’s children, do the deeds of Abraham. But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the deeds of your father.” They said to Him, “We were not born of an adulterous, sinful relationship; we have one Father, even God.” Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me; for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because

*Jesus taught that if our Father was not the Living God, then the Devil was still our father. God has chosen to bring us from the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light.*

*Jesus was equating Himself with His Father, "Yahweh." By doing so He was alienating the religious leaders because of His "blasphemy."*

you cannot hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies. But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? The one who belongs to God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."

The Jews answered and said to Him, "Are we not accurate when we say that You are a Samaritan and that you are possessed by a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. But I do not pursue My glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You are demon-possessed. Abraham and the prophets all died and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he shall never taste death.' Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; who do You represent Yourself to be?"

Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God'; and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I said that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know Him, and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

## DAY TWENTY-FIVE 25

### **FACTS ARE FACTS**

John 9:1-33

And as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Teacher, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was in order that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When He had said this, He spit on the ground, and made