

Gospel of John – The Parable of Joy
Chapter 8

John 8:1-11

1. This is a very familiar and well-known story. It illustrates Jesus' mission in so many ways.
 - 1.1. Interesting that some copiers were bothered by this story as it is a favorite of Christians today.
2. A trap is laid here for Jesus. A yes or a no will bring trouble either from the Romans or the Jews.
 - 2.1. In His consistent style He doesn't do what anyone would expect. He writes in the dirt instead. (6).
 - 2.1.1. The word for write actually means "a process of listing". One thought is that He was writing down their secret sins.
 - 2.1.2. Michael makes an interesting connection with Jeremiah 17:13.
3. Jesus has the ultimate response. Now the ball is in their court. (7)
 - 3.1. Jesus seems to keep it from being a confrontation. He goes back to His writing. (8)
 - 3.2. The older ones leave first. Their wisdom overrides their emotions. (9).
4. Jesus doesn't condemn the woman but does admonish her to stop sinning. (11)
 - 4.1. Here we see the reality of "I did not come to judge the world but to save it". His first coming was to "seek and save" that which was lost. His second coming will involve judgement.

John 8:12-59

1. In verse 12 we see Jesus make a claim about Himself that is very Messianic as light was another name for Messiah (Is. 9:1-2 and Mal. 4:2 are examples)
 - 1.1. The Jews appeal to the Torah to discount Jesus' testimony. One witness was not enough.
 - 1.2. Jesus rebutted that it was not just Him but also the Father who testified for Him.
2. In verse 20 we again see that "the hour had not yet come". A time was set by the Father and no one could change it. (see Daniel 9:24-27)
3. In verse 28 Jesus refers to His crucifixion by the term 'lift up'. He then claims He can do nothing by 'Myself'. He totally relies on the Father.
 - 3.1. This should be our calling as well. That we can do nothing by ourselves but rely on the Father.
4. During these statements 'many believed in Him.' (30). He then speaks to them and promises them that if they remain in Him they will know the truth and be free.
 - 4.1. The truth that they will know is that Jesus is the Son of God. He did not come to give us truths but Himself.
5. "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (34). Jesus promises to set us free.

- 5.1. We learn elsewhere in the NT that we are either slaves to sin or righteousness. We are never our own master. Who would you rather serve?
6. Verse 44 teaches the two essential qualities of the devil. He is a murderer and he is a liar.
 - 6.1. He comes to take life from us. He comes to take truth so we cannot be free.
7. In verse 50 we see Jesus say again that this mission is not about Him. He constantly reminds us of this so it must be important to know.
 - 7.1. Our own lives cannot be about us if Jesus' wasn't about Him.