

# Twenty-One Days With John

## Day 8 – John 8

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### **Prayer:**

Holy Father, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, through Your Son, Jesus, You have made us Your children. Be grace we are Yours. By faith we respond to Your call. Enable us to witness to others Your remarkable grace. In Your name we pray. Amen.

### **Meditation:**

John 8 contains some of the most directive and hostile exchanges between Jesus and the Jewish leaders. The center-stage issue is the validity of Jesus' testimony. Is He *really* the Son of Man? Is He *really* sent from the Father? Is He *really* the Light of the World? (8:12).

Obviously—and *tragically*—the unbelieving Jews would not listen to Jesus. They would not believe. Yet, Jesus does not withhold the message of grace even from those who oppose Him.

“When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the One I claim to be, and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught Me.” (John 8:28 [NIV]).

The Jews believed they would be saved because they were genetically related to Abraham. How foolish and ignorant! Jesus pointed to a higher standard.

“If you were Abraham's children,” said Jesus, “then you would do the things Abraham did. As it is, you are determined to kill me” (John 8:39-40 [NIV]).

Why did the Jews not believe? Why did they accuse Jesus of being demon-possessed? Because they were sons of their real father, the Devil (v. 44). Their response? They could not see the Light. They were blinded by the darkness of their own demonically deranged hearts. When they heard the Truth from the One prophetically approved by Abraham, they “picked up stones” to kill Jesus (John 8:59 [NIV]).

Looking ahead to chapter 9, note how the narrative of chapter 8 is a perfect lead in to John's narrative on discussion on blindness—spiritual blindness. If only they would listen to the Truth. If only they could see—with the eyes of faith—that Jesus was sent from God.

### **Prayer:**

Lord of Truth, You are the Light of the World. Shine your Word into our hearts that we may be renewed as sons of Abraham. Promised One of God, break down the barriers of sin which prevent others from coming to You. Be raised up and exalted through all the world as we share Your truth, Your light throughout the world. In Your name we pray.. Amen.

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