



# Knowing Christ

The Day Is Near

## John 7:1 – 8:59 Feast of Tabernacles

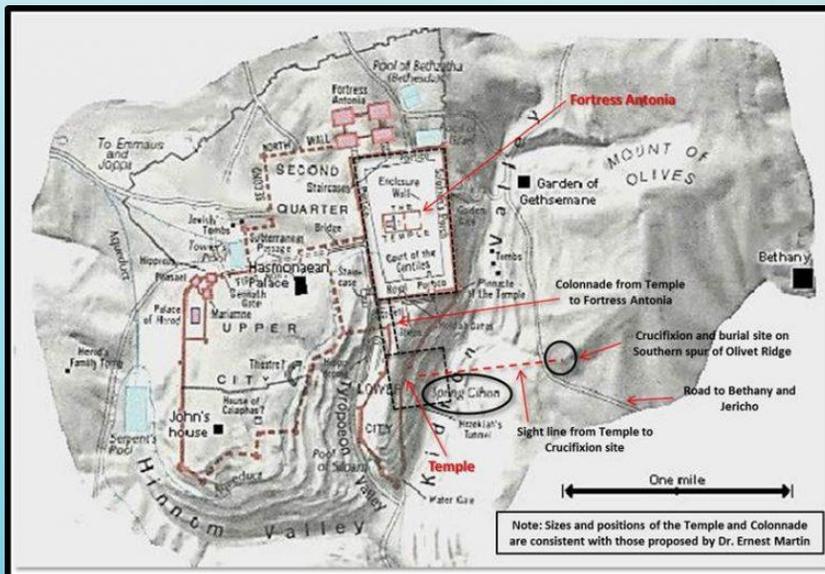
1. 7:1-9 Jesus moves from Galilee to Jerusalem
2. 7:10-25 The authority behind Jesus' teaching.
3. 7:25-36 The identity of Jesus.
4. 7:37-44 The promise of the Spirit.
5. 7:45-53 The Jewish leaders' unbelief.

## Chapter 7 – Key Verses

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 7:28** Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. <sup>29</sup> "I know Him; because I am from Him, and He sent Me." <sup>30</sup> They were seeking therefore to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come... <sup>33</sup> Jesus therefore said, "For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 7:37** Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

## Time Out

- NAS **John 8:1** But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> And 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 Trap is Set

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 8:3** And the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the midst, <sup>4</sup> they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. <sup>5</sup> "Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?" <sup>6</sup> And they were saying this, testing Him, in order that they might have grounds for accusing Him...

## The Law of Moses

- <sup>ESV</sup> **Leviticus 20:10** "If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **Deuteronomy 22:22** "If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.

## The Trap

- Option 1: Condemn the woman to death and uphold the Mosaic law.
  - Jesus would face trouble with the Roman authorities.
- Option 2: Evade the issue and by doing so condone the woman's sin.
  - Jesus would lose his credibility with the people.

## The Tables are Turned

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 8:6** ... But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

## Check Mate

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- **ESV Deuteronomy 22:22** "*If a man* is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.
- **NAS Exodus 23:2** "You shall not follow a multitude in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after a multitude in order to pervert justice;
- **ESV Deuteronomy 16:19** You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality ...
- **NAS Habakkuk 1:4** Therefore, the law is ignored And justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore, justice comes out perverted.

## Convicted

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 8:9** 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, where she was, in the midst.

## Forgiven

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 8:10** And straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" <sup>11</sup> And she said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on sin no more."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Deuteronomy 17:9** "So you shall come to the Levitical priest or the judge who is in office in those days, and you shall inquire of them, and they will declare to you the verdict in the case."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:26** "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; <sup>27</sup> and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man."

# Application

## Sin No More

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 8:11** ... Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on sin no more."
- <sup>ESV</sup> **John 5:14** Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more ..."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **Jude 1:14** ... "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way ...

## Grace is Not License to Sin

- **NAS Romans 6:1** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? <sup>2</sup> May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
- **NAS Romans 6:15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!
- **NAS Romans 2:4** Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
  - “Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession...Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.”  
— *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

## The Fruit of Love is Obedience

- NAS **John 14:15** "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.
- NAS **John 14:21** "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."
- NAS **John 15:10** "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.
- NAS **1 John 5:2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.
- NAS **2 John 1:6** And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments...

# Conclusions

## The Day is Coming

- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Peter 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God ...

## The Day is Near

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 13:8** Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law ... <sup>11</sup> And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light...<sup>14</sup> ... put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.