

LW – Believe Prophecies/Receive Holy Spirit; Read Word/Redeem Time

John 7:53–8:30

53 And everyone went to his own house. **1** But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

* Jesus went/Mount/ Olives – Where/Why! How/I know, same way you do, we know Him!

John 18:1–2 - When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. **2** And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.

Respond – Jesus loves to get away to a quiet place and meet and pray with us!

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. (Rabbi) **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. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

Leviticus 20:10 - ‘The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 17:7 - The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from among you.

Respond – By the Law we can condemn anyone if we work at it, or wait long enough

- This/exactly what we were talking about last week, Jn 7:24 - We are/judge right/wrong

- But not **Mt 7:1-2** – 2 Corin 3:7 – letter kills, but the Spirit gives light! (Life!)

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.”

1. Jesus didn’t come/condemn (kata/krino- worthy/punishment/damnation; We shouldn’t!

Respond – What if we were actually nice to people who are doing things/condemn them!

2. Go & sin no more! **Jn 5:14** - Said same thing to Man/Pool/Bethesda

Respond – We can actually stop sinning!!! Romans 8:1

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.”

Romans 8:1 - **1** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.” **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. **(Dt 19:15)** **18** I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.” **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.” **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.

* So many people are looking for God, but they reject Jesus

* Tell Philip Jn 14:7-9; **Col 1:15**- Image/invisible God; **Heb 1:3** express image/His person
Respond – If you want to get to know God, get to know Jesus!

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?’” **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.”

* What called when country attacks another/kills – Sin; Called when Corruption/Greed cause people/children die of malnutrition/treatable illnesses – Sin; Called Terrorist bombs buses/buildings – Sin; Drugs/Alcohol destroy life, future, family – Sin; Selfishness/Pride/Un-forgiveness/Unlove destroy marriage/family – Sin; Called when young girl purity taken by lust/selfishness called love – sin; Blown/student loan, opportunities given, 2nd, 3rd, 4th chances to make wiser decisions/Don’t & Suffer the death of dream – Sin!

Respond – Answer, cure? Jesus! We/beneath, He/Above; We/this word; He is not

Philippians 2:5–8 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Respond – If don’t believe in Him we will die in our sin, But if we do believe in Him, we...

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 (krino) 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.” **30** As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

* Jesus said this: Nicodemus, Samaritan Woman, Nobleman/Son, Man/Bethesda, Adulteress

Respond – Doesn’t matter how religious/rebellious/wild we are/all need same thing – Jesus!

- He didn’t come to condemn us, He came to save us! To love us!

- He wants us to stop sinning – because that’s what condemns/hurts us, brings separation...

* Let’s not condemn – let’s rightly separate right/wrong – let us be nice and love

* Find that quiet place to get away to meet & pray with Jesus!