

## The Gospel According to John 7:50 – 8:18

New American Standard Version

1 Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) \*said  
2 to them, “Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from  
3 him and knows what he is doing, does it?” They answered him,  
4 “You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no  
5 prophet arises out of Galilee.” [1Everyone went to his home. But  
6 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning He came  
7 again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and  
8 He sat down and *began* to teach them. The scribes and the  
9 Pharisees \*brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her  
10 in the center *of the court*, they \*said to Him, “Teacher, this woman  
11 has been caught in adultery, in the very act. Now in the Law  
12 Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You  
13 say?” They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have  
14 grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His  
15 finger wrote on the ground. But when they persisted in asking  
16 Him, He straightened up, and said to them, “He who is without sin  
17 among you, let him *be the* first to throw a stone at her.” Again He  
18 stooped down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they  
19 *began* to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He  
20 was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center *of the*  
21 *court*. Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are  
22 they? Did no one condemn you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And  
23 Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no  
24 more.”] Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light  
25 of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but  
26 will have the Light of life.” So the Pharisees said to Him, “You  
27 are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true.” Jesus  
28 answered and said to them, “Even if I testify about Myself, My  
29 testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am  
30 going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am  
31 going. You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone.  
32 But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in*  
33 *it*, but I and the Father who sent Me. Even in your law it has been  
34 written that the testimony of two men is true. I am He who  
35 testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about  
36 Me.”

*As part of your study, please read the essay, “John 7\_53 - 8\_11 The Woman Caught in Adultery” before, during, or after you read the text of the passage.*

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

<sup>1</sup> Later mss add the story of the adulterous woman, numbering it as John 7:53-8:11

## Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

### Observation

(What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage (repetition, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect, unusual words, etc.)? Mark the passage (underline, circles, etc.) to help bring out the writer's thought process.

- Who are the people involved?
- What is the action taking place?
- What type of literature is the passage (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are there any unusual words used?
- Is there any symbolic or figurative language used?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Is there any repetition of words or ideas?
- Are there comparisons or contrasts?
- Are there indications of cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Does the passage contain any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

### Interpretation

(What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts of the passage that would help you **interpret** the writer's meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

### Application

(What does it mean for me?)

How does the writer's meaning relate to your life? What specific application might the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them. – J.A. Bengel**