

Late Judean Ministry—Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles (Tishri [October] 32)

John 7:11–31

11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?
 12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.
 13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.
 14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.
 15 And the Jews marveled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?
 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.
 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.
 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.
 19 Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?
 20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?
 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.
 22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.
 23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?
 24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.
 25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?
 26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?
 27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.
 28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.
 29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.
 30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.
 31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this *man* hath done?

Late Judean Ministry—Frustrated Attempt to Arrest Jesus (Tishri [October] 32)

John 7:32–52

32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.
 33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and *then* I go unto him that sent me.
 34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me*: and where I am, *thither* ye cannot come.
 35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?
 36 What *manner of* saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me*: and where I am, *thither* ye cannot come?
 37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. [cf. [Isa 55:1](#)]
 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
 40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.
 41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?
 42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? [cf. [2 Sam 7:12–16](#); [Ps 89:3–4, 35–37](#); [Isa 9:7](#); [11:1](#); [55:3](#); [Mic 5:2](#)]
 43 So there was a division among the people because of him.
 44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.
 45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?
 46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.
 47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?
 48 Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?
 49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.
 50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) [cf. [John 3:1–21](#)]
 51 Doth our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?
 52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

Late Judean Ministry—A Woman Caught in Adultery (Tishri [October] 32)

John 7:53–8:11

7:53 [[And every man went unto his own house.

8:1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? [cf. [Lev 20:10](#); [Deut 22:22–24](#)]

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not*.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.]]

Late Judean Ministry—The Light of the World (Tishri [October] 32)

John 8:12–20

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, *yet* my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. [cf. [Deut 17:6](#); [19:15](#)]

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

Late Judean Ministry—Jesus Predicts His Departure (Tishri [October] 32)

John 8:21–59

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.

25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, *Even the same* that I said unto you from the beginning.

26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. [cf. [Gal 3:6-7](#); [Rom 9:6-8](#)]

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honor my Father, and ye do dishonor me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honoreth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Scripture quotations are from The King James Version (KJV). The KJV is in the public domain.

Textual Notes

- 1) The story of the woman caught in adultery is separated from the rest of the text by double brackets. This is done to visually indicate doubt on the part of most scholars that this story is part of John's original gospel manuscript. For a good discussion of this issue, see Andreas J. Kostenberger, *John: Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2004), pp. 245–249.¹

¹ For a more thorough treatment of recent research, see Chris Keith, "Recent and Previous Research on the *Pericope Adulterae* (John 7.53–8.11)," *Currents in Biblical Research* 6.3 (2008), 377–404. The Bibliography section of the article is excellent.