

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

John 7:11–31

11 So the Jews were looking for him at the feast, and were saying, “Where is he?”
 12 And there was a lot of grumbling concerning him among the crowds; some were saying, “He is a good *man*,” but others were saying, “No, but he deceives the crowd.”
 13 However, no one was speaking openly about him for fear of the Jews.
 14 Now when the feast was already half over, Jesus went to the temple *courts* and began to teach.
 15 Then the Jews were astonished, saying, “How does this man possess knowledge, *because he* has not been taught?”
 16 So Jesus answered them and said, “My teaching is not mine, but *is* from the one who sent me.
 17 If anyone wants to do his will, he will know about my teaching, whether it is from God or I am speaking from myself.
 18 The one who speaks from himself seeks his own glory. But the one who seeks the glory of the one who sent him—this one is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.
 19 Has not Moses given you the law, and none of you carries out the law? Why do you seek to kill me?”
 20 The crowd replied, “You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?”
 21 Jesus answered and said to them, “I performed one work, and you are all astonished.
 22 Because of this Moses has given you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.
 23 If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses would not be broken, are you angry with me because I made a whole man well on the Sabbath?
 24 Do not judge according to outward appearance, but judge according to righteous judgment!”
 25 Then some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem began to say, “Is this not *the one* whom they are seeking to kill?
 26 And behold, he is speaking openly and they are saying nothing to him! Can it be that the rulers truly know that this man is the Christ?
 27 Yet we know where this man is from, but the Christ, whenever he comes—no one knows where he is from!”
 28 Then Jesus cried out in the temple *courts*, teaching and saying, “You both know me and you know where I am from! And I have not come from myself, but the one who sent me is true, whom you do not know.
 29 I know him, because I am from him and he sent me.”
 30 So they were seeking to seize him, and no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.
 31 But from the crowd many believed in him and were saying, “Whenever the Christ comes, he will not perform more signs than this man has done, *will he?*”

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

John 7:32–52

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these *things* about him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers in order to take him into custody.
 33 Then Jesus said, “Yet a little time I am with you, and I am going to the one who sent me.
 34 You will seek me and will not find *me*, and where I am, you cannot come.”
 35 So the Jews said to one another, “Where *is* this one going to go, that we will not find him? He is not going to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks, *is he?*
 36 What is this saying that he said, ‘You will seek me and will not find *me*, and where I am, you cannot come?’”
 37 Now on the last day of the feast—the great *day*—Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and let him drink,
 38 the one who believes in me. Just as the scripture said, ‘Out of his belly will flow rivers of living water.’” [cf. [Isa 55:1](#)]
 39 Now he said this concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were about to receive. For the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.)
 40 Then, *when they* heard these words, *some* from the crowd began to say, “This man is truly the Prophet!”
 41 Others were saying, “This man is the Christ!” But others were saying, “No, for the Christ does not come from Galilee, *does he?*
 42 Has not the scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village 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 in the crowd because of him.
 44 And some of them were wanting to seize him, but no one laid hands on him.
 45 So the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees. And they said to them, “Why did you not bring him?”
 46 The officers replied, “Never has a man spoken like this!”
 47 Then the Pharisees replied to them, “You have not also been deceived, *have you?*
 48 None of the rulers or of the Pharisees have believed in him, *have they?*
 49 But this crowd who does not know the law is accursed!”

50 Nicodemus, the one who came to him previously—who was one of them—said to them, [cf. [John 3:1–21](#)]

51 “Our law does not condemn a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, *does it?*”

52 They answered and said to him, “You are not also from Galilee, *are you?* Investigate and see that a prophet does not arise from Galilee!”

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

John 7:53–8:11

7:53 [[And each one went to his *own* house.

8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 Now early in the morning he came again to the temple *courts*. And all the people were coming, and he sat down *and* began to teach them.

3 Now the scribes and the Pharisees brought to him a woman caught in adultery. And standing her in *their* midst,

4 they said to him, testing *him*, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery!

5 Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” [cf. [Lev 20:10](#); [Deut 22:22–24](#)]

6 (Now they were saying this to test him, so that they would have *an occasion* to bring charges against him.) But Jesus, bending down, began to write with *his* finger on the ground, taking no notice.

7 And when they persisted in asking him, straightening up he said to them, “The *one* of you without sin, let him throw the first stone at her!”

8 And bending down again, he wrote on the ground.

9 Now *when they* heard *it*, being convicted by their conscience, they began to depart, one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone—and the woman who was in *their* midst.

10 So Jesus, straightening up and seeing no one except the woman, said to her, “Where are those accusers of yours? Does no one condemn you?”

11 And she said, “No one, Lord.” So Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more.”]]

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

John 8:12–20

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world! The one who follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

13 So the Pharisees said to him, “You testify concerning yourself! Your testimony is not true.”

14 Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I testify concerning myself, my testimony is true, because I know where I have come from and where I am going. But you do not know where I have come from or where I am going.

15 You judge according to externals; I do not judge anyone.

16 But even if I judge, my judgment is true, because I am not alone, but I and the Father who sent me.

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

18 I am the one who testifies concerning myself, and the Father who sent me testifies concerning me.”

19 So they were saying to him, “Where is your father?” Jesus replied, “You know neither me nor my Father! If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.”

20 He spoke these words by the treasury *while* teaching in the temple *courts*, and no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

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

John 8:21–59

21 So he said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek me and will die in your sin. Where I am going you cannot come!”

22 Then the Jews began to say, “Perhaps he will kill himself, because he is saying, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’”

23 And he said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are from this world; I am not from this world.

24 Thus 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.”

25 So they began to say to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “What I have been saying to you *from* the beginning.

26 I have many *things* to say and to judge concerning you, but the one who sent me is true, and *the things* which I heard from him, these *things* I say to the world.”

27 (They did not know that he was speaking to them about the Father.)

28 Then Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will recognize that I am *he*, and I do nothing from myself, but just as the Father taught me, I say these *things*.

29 And the one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

30 *While* he was saying these *things*, many believed in him.

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who had believed him, “If you continue in my word you are truly my disciples,

32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

33 They replied to him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have not been enslaved to anyone at any time. How do you say, ‘You will become free?’”

34 Jesus replied to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, that everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.

35 And the slave does not remain in the household forever; the son remains forever.

36 So if the son sets you free, you will be truly free.

37 I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are seeking to kill me, because my word makes no progress among you.

38 I speak *the things* that I have seen with the Father; so also you do *the things* that you have heard from the Father.”

39 They answered and said to him, “Abraham is our father!” Jesus said to them, “If you are children of Abraham, do the deeds of Abraham! [cf. [Gal 3:6–7](#); [Rom 9:6–8](#)]

40 But now you are seeking to kill me, a man who spoke to you the truth which I heard from God. This Abraham did not do.

41 You are doing the deeds of your father!” They said to him, “We were not born from sexual immorality! We have one father, God!”

42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your father, you would love me, for I have come forth from God and have come. For I have not come from myself, but that one sent me.

43 Why do you not understand my way of speaking? Because you are not able to listen to my message.

44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father! That one was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand firm in the truth, because truth is not in him. Whenever he speaks the lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

45 But because I am telling the truth, you do not believe me.

46 Who among you convicts me concerning sin? If I am telling the truth, why do you not believe me?

47 The one who is from God listens to the words of God. Because of this you do not listen—because you are not of God.”

48 The Jews answered and said to him, “Do we not correctly say that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

49 Jesus replied, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me!

50 But I do not seek my *own* glory. There is one who seeks and judges!

51 Truly, truly I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never experience death forever.”

52 The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham and the prophets died, and you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death forever.’

53 You are not greater than our father Abraham who died, *are you*? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself *to be*?”

54 Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. The one who glorifies me is my Father, *about* whom you say, ‘He is our God.’

55 And you have not known him, but I know him. And if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you! But I know him and I keep his word.

56 Abraham your father rejoiced that he would see my day, and he saw *it* and was glad.”

57 So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years *old*, and have you seen Abraham?”

58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am!”

59 Then they picked up stones in order to throw *them* at him. But Jesus was hidden and went out of the temple *courts*.

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Textual Notes

- 1) The story of the woman caught in adultery is separated from the rest of the text in the LEB version 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.