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(Basic Bible in English)

A little background: From chapter 6 to chapter 7, 6 months passed by. John didn't give us any word in that time. In 6 more months from chapter 7, Jesus Christ will be crucified.

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? Jesus Christ had already made the statement that where He's going, his disciples cannot follow; neither can anyone else.

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. This word "cried" means He yelled out very powerful words, listen up, this is important.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. This means if you believe in Him, put your faith in Him, and trust Him, life flows out through you. Others notice it. If you are growing in grace and knowledge, you are the living water and the world will see it and want it.

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.) At this particular time in history, men were not imbued with the Holy Spirit as we are today. The Holy Spirit would come on a man and empower him to do something, but then it would leave when the job was finished. Jesus Christ was not yet crucified.

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. He was speaking great things to these people. They couldn't read, they couldn't write, and they only knew what the Pharisees told them.

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? People hadn't done their research. They knew the messiah was coming out of Bethlehem, and they thought Jesus Christ was coming from Galilee. This was just where He set up His "headquarters".

42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So many people jump to conclusions before they have all the facts. We need all the facts before we make a decision; before we make a conclusion.

43 So there was a division among the people because of Him. Christ came and made a division among His own people, the Jews. Today we have divisions among people, even families, because we are Christians.

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? Remember the temple guards were sent out to control the chaos. They were a separate military unit that guarded the temple. They were sent after Jesus Christ.

46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. The guards were awed by what Jesus Christ said. They were so dumbfounded that they didn't arrest Him. But really it wasn't Christ's time to go yet.

47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Are you all fools?

48 Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?

49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. The Pharisees are saying that the people in the streets are just dumb and stupid. We're the ones who know the law and the truth and we tell them what they need to know.

50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) Nicodemus already met with Jesus Christ privately and knew Him.

51 Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth? Nicodemus speaks up, and says if you want to use the law, that's fine. But get all the facts first before you condemn Him.



52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. Hey Nicodemus, are you a fool just like them? We don't know of any prophet coming out of Galilee. The Pharisees didn't know all they thought they know. They didn't do their research either.

53 And every man went unto his own house. All the festivities were done and everyone went home.

- John 8**
- 1 ¶ Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.** Jesus didn't have a home, so He went to 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.** The temple was the center of activity for the community. They gather and hang out there. It was common for teachers to come, have a crowd gather around him, and teach stuff.
- 3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,** After the Babylonian captivity the Pharisees were formed among other various groups. The scribes were exactly that-they wrote stuff down, copying old stuff or writing down what teachers said. The Pharisees caught a lady committing adultery, and they brought her to the center of the group.
- 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?** The Pharisees are not looking for the law to be put use against anyone who is really a law breaker. They are looking for something to convict Jesus Christ with. They are using the law as a trap to get Jesus. The man who committed adultery with the lady wasn't brought forth, and they needed two witnesses for a conviction. They didn't bring witnesses either. They were just looking to trap Jesus Christ into making a false statement.
- 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.** We don't know what He wrote, and we don't need to know. Just trust God that He gives us what we need.
- 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.** The Pharisees were after Jesus Christ to make a false statement so they could arrest Him for blasphemy. Jesus Christ told them, if you are without sin, go ahead and throw the first sin. You get the process started to kill the lady.
- 8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.** That's all Jesus Christ said, and He went back to writing on the ground. He didn't need to say much, but His words were well chosen and very powerful.
- 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.** Everyone of them had sin in their hearts, and they knew it as well as Jesus Christ, so they all left one by one.
- 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?** Where are the guys who brought you here? Is there no one to condemn you?
- 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.** She said no, and He told her He doesn't condemn her either. He knew in her heart that she was sorry for what she's done, and she's not going to do it again, and He showed mercy by telling her to go on and don't sin anymore. He's not condoning this sinful act, but He's forgiving her and showing her mercy.
- 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.** When He says "I am" here, it is the same as the one in Exodus and the burning bush. It is the pretenses of past, present and future - that's what "I am" means. That's what God told Moses. The people are being told again, God always was, always is, and always will be. Without this, we are defeated.
- 13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.** The Pharisees says Jesus Christ's 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. Jesus Christ says yes it is true; I know where I came from and I know where I'm headed. But you don't.

15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. This context is important. They just got through judging an adulteress, judging her in the flesh, but in a manner to trap Jesus. They didn't judge her spirit as Jesus Christ does. There are different kinds of judgment, and Jesus Christ judges the spirit. If you judge something, what is your motive for judging?

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. Jesus Christ said listen, if I judge, I'm not judging by myself, I have God with me. There's your two witnesses.

17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. Anytime I make a judgment or tell you something, the Father is with me. I do not judge alone on my own willy-nilly. I always have God guiding Me. Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus Christ of the New Testament.

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. If they had known the scriptures and studied them, they would've known He was the Father in the flesh. This is why it's so important to study the scriptures so you don't get fooled.

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.