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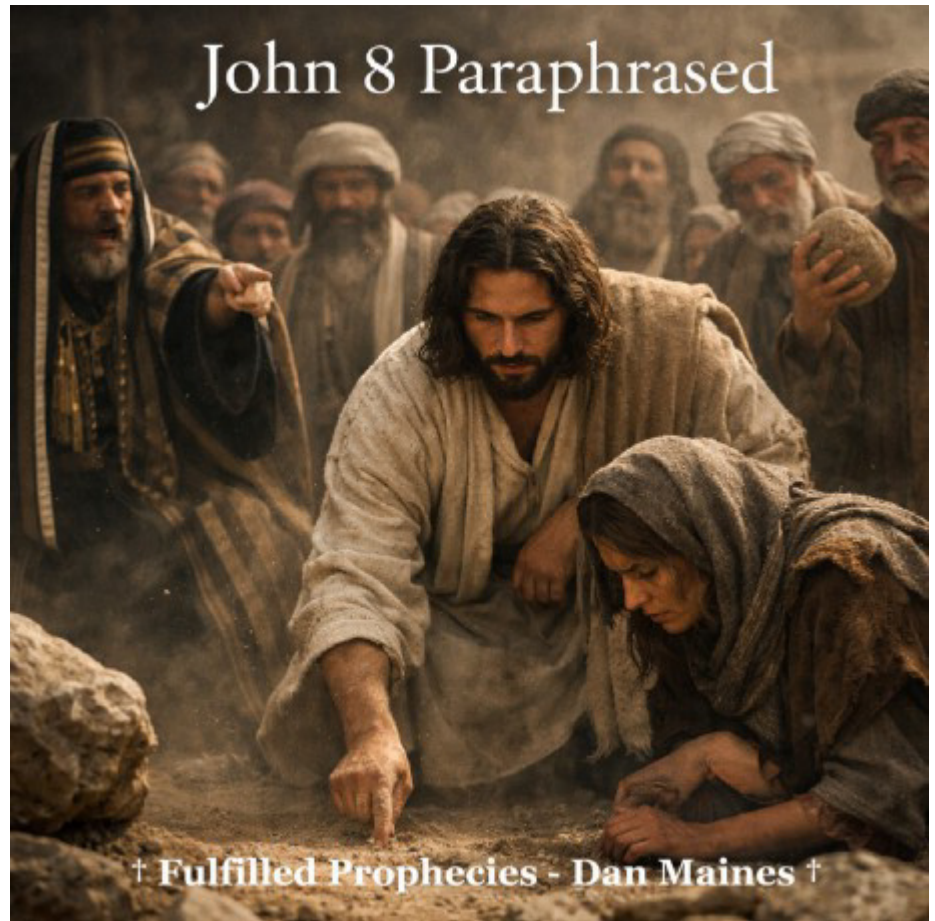
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## John 8 Paraphrased



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### **John 8 Paraphrased**

#### **Introduction**

† Jesus confronts the leaders of Israel as their system is reaching its end and exposes their sin and blindness (Matthew 23:36)

† He reveals Himself as the true light, showing their darkness and rejection of truth (Isaiah 60:1-2)

† This chapter builds toward judgment on that generation that refused Him (Luke 19:41-44)

#### **John 8:1**

Jesus went out to the Mount of Olives

† He separates from the temple system that was about to be judged (Luke 21:37)

† The Mount of Olives is tied to judgment over Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:4)

† This shows a shift away from the old covenant center

### **John 8:2**

At dawn He returned to the temple, and people gathered around Him, so He sat and began teaching

† The people were drawn to truth while leaders resisted it (John 7:46-48)

† God was still extending mercy before judgment came (2 Peter 3:9)

† Teaching in the temple shows patience before destruction

### **John 8:3**

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery and placed her in the middle

† They used the law as a trap instead of for righteousness (Hosea 6:6)

† Their actions reveal hypocrisy (Romans 2:21-23)

† They cared more about accusation than justice

### **John 8:4**

They said to Him, Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery

† They focused on outward sin while ignoring their own (Matthew 23:25-28)

† Their purpose was to accuse, not to restore (Revelation 12:10)

† This reveals the corrupt use of the law

### **John 8:5**

Moses commanded us to stone such a woman, so what do You

say

† They tried to trap Him between Roman authority and Mosaic law (John 18:31)

† This shows the weakness of the old system (Hebrews 7:18-19)

† They were testing Him, not seeking truth

### **John 8:6**

They said this to test Him so they could accuse Him, but He bent down and wrote on the ground

† Their intent was accusation, not righteousness (Psalm 56:5-6)

† Writing on the ground reflects divine authority in judgment (Jeremiah 17:13)

† He remains calm while exposing their motives

### **John 8:7**

When they kept pressing Him, He stood up and said the one among you without sin should throw the first stone

† He turns the law back on them (Romans 3:19)

† The law condemns all, not just the accused (James 2:10)

† Their guilt is exposed publicly

### **John 8:8**

Then He bent down again and continued writing on the ground

† He does not argue, He reveals truth (Isaiah 42:2-3)

† Judgment is unfolding without force (John 3:19)

† Their conscience is being stirred

### **John 8:9**

When they heard this, they left one by one starting with the older ones until only Jesus and the woman remained

† Their conscience testified against them (Romans 2:15)

† The accusers are removed in shame (Psalm 1:5)

† Truth drives out false judgment

### **John 8:10**

Jesus stood up and said to her woman where are they has no one condemned you

† He reveals mercy while exposing hypocrisy (Micah 7:18)

† True judgment belongs to Him alone (John 5:22)

† He addresses her without condemnation

### **John 8:11**

She said no one Lord and Jesus said neither do I condemn you go and leave your sin behind

† Mercy is extended with a call to repentance (Luke 5:32)

† Grace does not excuse sin but transforms life (Titus 2:11-12)

† This shows the heart of Christ

### **John 8:12**

Jesus spoke again and said I am the light of the world whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life

† He fulfills the promise of light to Israel (Isaiah 9:2)

† Darkness represents the old system passing away (Colossians 1:13)

† Following Him brings life and truth

### **John 8:13**

The Pharisees said you are testifying about yourself your testimony is not true

† They reject truth because it exposes them (John 3:20)

† Their blindness fulfills prophecy (Isaiah 6:9-10)

† They judge wrongly according to flesh

### **John 8:14**

Jesus answered even if I testify about Myself My testimony is true because I know where I came from and where I am going but you do not

† He speaks with divine authority (John 16:28)

† Their ignorance is willful (1 Corinthians 2:14)

† Truth stands regardless of their rejection

## **John 8:15**

You judge according to human standards I am not judging anyone

† Their judgment is fleshly and corrupt (John 7:24)

† His mission was salvation before final judgment (John 3:17)

† They lack true discernment

## **John 8:16**

But even if I do judge My judgment is true because I am not alone the Father is with Me

† His authority comes from the Father (John 5:30)

† This shows unity between Father and Son (John 10:30)

† His judgment is perfect

## **John 8:17**

Your law says that the testimony of two people is true

† He uses their own law to expose them (Deuteronomy 19:15)

† They fail to keep what they claim to defend (Romans 2:23)

† Their inconsistency is revealed

## **John 8:18**

I am one who testifies and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me

† The Father confirms Christ (Matthew 3:17)

† This fulfills the requirement of witnesses (Hebrews 10:28)

† They reject both witnesses

## **John 8:19**

They said where is your Father Jesus answered you know neither Me nor My Father if you knew Me you would know My Father also

† Knowing Christ is knowing God (John 14:6-7)

† Their rejection proves separation (1 John 2:23)

† They remain in ignorance

## **John 8:20**

He spoke these words in the treasury and no one seized Him because His time had not yet come

† His timing is controlled by God (John 7:30)

† Judgment would come at the appointed time (Acts 17:31)

† No one could act before that moment

### **John 8:21**

He said again I am going away and you will seek Me and die in your sin where I go you cannot come

† Rejection leads to death in sin (Ezekiel 18:4)

† Separation from Christ means exclusion (John 14:3)

† This is a warning to that generation

### **John 8:22**

The Jews said will He kill Himself since He says where I go you cannot come

† They misunderstand spiritual truth (John 3:4)

† Their blindness continues (Isaiah 44:18)

† They think only in physical terms

### **John 8:23**

He said you are from below I am from above you are of this world I am not

† He contrasts earthly and heavenly origin (James 3:15-17)

† They belong to a system under judgment (1 John 2:17)

† He stands outside that system

### **John 8:24**

Unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins

† Faith in Him is required for life (John 3:18)

† Their refusal seals their judgment (Mark 16:16)

† This is a direct warning

### **John 8:25**

They asked who are you Jesus said what I have been telling you from the beginning

† His identity was already revealed (John 5:39)

† Their refusal is willful (John 12:37)

† They reject what is clear

### **John 8:26**

I have many things to say and judge about you but He who sent Me is true and I speak what I heard from Him

† His words come from the Father (John 12:49)

† Judgment is based on truth (Psalm 119:160)

† He speaks divine truth

### **John 8:27**

They did not understand that He was speaking about the Father

† Spiritual blindness prevents understanding (2 Corinthians 4:4)

† Their hearts are hardened (Romans 11:7)

† They remain confused

### **John 8:28**

When you lift up the Son of Man then you will know that I am He

† This points to the cross (John 3:14)

† His death would reveal truth (Matthew 27:54)

† Their actions would confirm it

### **John 8:29**

The One who sent Me is with Me He has not left Me alone because I always do what pleases Him

† Perfect obedience defines Him (Hebrews 4:15)

† The Father is always with Him (John 16:32)

† This confirms His authority

### **John 8:30**

As He spoke these things many believed in Him

† Truth produces belief in some (Acts 28:24)

† A remnant always responds (Romans 11:5)

† Not all reject Him

### **John 8:31**

Jesus said to those who believed if you continue in My word you are truly My disciples

† True faith continues (Hebrews 3:14)

† Obedience marks discipleship (John 14:15)

† This defines real belief

### **John 8:32**

You will know the truth and the truth will set you free

† Truth brings freedom from sin (Romans 6:18)

† Freedom is found in Him (Galatians 5:1)

† This is spiritual freedom

### **John 8:33**

They answered we are Abraham's descendants and have never been enslaved how can you say we will be set free

† They trust lineage over truth (Matthew 3:9)

† They ignore spiritual bondage (Romans 6:16)

† Their pride blinds them

### **John 8:34**

Jesus answered everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin

† Sin creates bondage (2 Peter 2:19)

† True slavery is spiritual (Romans 7:14)

† This exposes their condition

### **John 8:35**

A slave does not remain in the house forever but a son remains forever

† Covenant status determines inheritance (Galatians 4:30)

† The old system lacked permanence (Hebrews 8:13)

† Sons have lasting place

### **John 8:36**

If the Son sets you free you will be free indeed

† Freedom comes only through Him (John 14:6)

† This is true lasting freedom (Romans 8:2)

† No other source can free

### **John 8:37**

I know you are Abraham's descendants yet you seek to kill Me because My word has no place in you

† Physical descent does not equal faith (Romans 9:6-7)

† Their actions reveal their hearts (Matthew 7:16)

† They reject truth

### **John 8:38**

I speak what I have seen with My Father and you do what you have heard from your father

† Two sources are revealed (1 John 3:10)

† Their actions show their allegiance (John 10:26)

† They follow a different voice

### **John 8:39**

They said Abraham is our father Jesus said if you were Abraham's children you would do what Abraham did

† True children follow faith (Galatians 3:7)

† Abraham believed God (Genesis 15:6)

† They do not follow his example

### **John 8:40**

Now you are trying to kill Me a man who has told you the truth this is not what Abraham did

† Their intent proves they are not like Abraham (Hebrews 11:8)

† Truth is rejected by darkness (John 3:19)

† Their actions condemn them

### **John 8:41**

You are doing the works of your father they said we were not born of immorality we have one Father God

† They claim God but reject His Son (1 John 2:23)

† Their confidence is misplaced (Jeremiah 7:4)

† Their claim is false

### **John 8:42**

Jesus said if God were your Father you would love Me

† Love for Christ proves relationship (John 14:21)

† Their hatred reveals truth (John 15:18)

† They reject Him

### **John 8:43**

Why do you not understand what I say because you cannot hear My word

† Spiritual deafness blocks truth (Isaiah 6:10)

† Their hearts are hardened (Hebrews 3:8)

† They cannot receive it

### **John 8:44**

You are of your father the devil and you want to do his desires he was a murderer and a liar

† Their actions reflect the enemy (1 John 3:8)

† Lies and murder define them (Genesis 4:8-9)

† This exposes their nature

### **John 8:45**

Because I speak the truth you do not believe Me

† Truth is rejected by those committed to lies (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)

† Their unbelief is deliberate (John 12:37)

† They choose darkness

### **John 8:46**

Which of you convicts Me of sin if I speak truth why do you not believe Me

† His sinlessness stands (1 Peter 2:22)

† Their rejection has no excuse (Romans 1:20)

† They cannot answer Him

### **John 8:47**

He who is of God hears God's words you do not hear because

you are not of God

† Hearing reveals belonging (John 10:27)

† Their rejection exposes them (1 John 4:6)

† They are not of God

### **John 8:48**

They answered are we not right in saying you are a Samaritan and have a demon

† When truth is rejected insults follow (Matthew 10:25)

† They resort to slander (Psalm 109:2-3)

† This shows their hostility

### **John 8:49**

Jesus answered I do not have a demon I honor My Father and you dishonor Me

† He responds with truth (Isaiah 53:7)

† Their dishonor shows rebellion (Malachi 1:6)

† He remains faithful

### **John 8:50**

I do not seek My own glory there is One who seeks it and judges

† God is the judge (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

† Christ submits to the Father (John 5:22)

† Judgment is certain

### **John 8:51**

If anyone keeps My word he will never see death

† This speaks of spiritual life (John 11:25-26)

† Obedience leads to life (James 1:22)

† Death is overcome

### **John 8:52**

They said now we know you have a demon Abraham died and the prophets also yet you say he will not see death

† They misunderstand spiritual truth (John 3:6)

† Their thinking remains earthly (Colossians 2:18)

† They reject what they cannot see

### **John 8:53**

Are you greater than our father Abraham who died who do you make yourself out to be

† They fail to see His identity (John 5:18)

† Pride blinds them (Proverbs 16:18)

† They question Him

### **John 8:54**

Jesus answered if I glorify Myself My glory is nothing it is My Father who glorifies Me

† True glory comes from God (John 17:5)

† Their claims are empty (Romans 2:17-24)

† The Father honors Him

### **John 8:55**

You have not known Him but I know Him if I said I did not know Him I would be a liar like you

† He exposes their false claims (Hosea 8:2-3)

† Truth separates Him from them (John 14:7)

† They do not know God

### **John 8:56**

Abraham rejoiced to see My day and he saw it and was glad

† Abraham looked forward to Christ (Hebrews 11:13)

† This shows continuity of God's plan (Galatians 3:8)

† Faith saw ahead

### **John 8:57**

They said you are not yet fifty years old and have you seen Abraham

† They think physically (John 3:4)

† Their understanding is limited (Isaiah 55:8-9)

† They miss the point

## **John 8:58**

Jesus said before Abraham was I am

† He declares eternal identity (Exodus 3:14)

† This is a direct claim to deity (John 1:1)

† They understood the claim

## **John 8:59**

They picked up stones to throw at Him but He hid Himself and left the temple

† Their rejection reaches its peak (Acts 7:57-58)

† This points to coming judgment on that system (Matthew 23:38)

† He departs from the temple

## **Historical References**

† Josephus records the corruption and violence among Jewish leaders before AD 70

† Irenaeus wrote about those who rejected Christ being judged in their generation

† Eusebius described the destruction of Jerusalem as divine judgment

† Clement of Alexandria spoke of the blindness of those who rejected truth

## **How it applies to us today**

† We don't rely on heritage or tradition, we rely on truth and obedience to Christ

† We walk in the light and reject spiritual blindness

† We understand rejection of truth leads to judgment while faith brings life

† We remain in His word knowing that's where true freedom is found

## **Q & A Appendix:**

**Q:** What does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world

**A:** It means He reveals truth and exposes darkness bringing life to those who follow Him (John 8:12)

**Q:** Why did the leaders reject Jesus

**A:** Because His truth exposed their sin and hypocrisy (John 3:19-20)

**Q:** What kind of freedom does Jesus give

**A:** Freedom from sin and spiritual bondage (John 8:36)

**Q:** Who are the true children of Abraham

**A:** Those who walk in faith and do what Abraham did (Galatians 3:7)

**Q:** What does it mean to never see death

**A:** It refers to spiritual life that cannot be separated from God (John 11:25-26)

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