

John 7:30-10:42**Thursday, May 13 – John 7:30-53**

1. Confusion reigned in the temple this day that Jesus was there. List the many confused opinions present that day.

Verses 25 and 26

Verse 27

Verse 35

Verse 41

Verse 47

Verse 52

Who, however, was not confused?

Verse 28

Verse 31

Verse 40

Verse 46

Verse 51

Friday, May 14 – John 8:1-20

The NIV text note says, “The earliest manuscripts and many other ancient witnesses do not have John 7:53–8:11.” However, many of the manuscripts that do not have these verses left space for them to be inserted. The number of manuscripts that contain these verses would lead us to conclude that the account should be included. It is rare that we are not completely certain of whether verses should be included or not. This is a comforting truth. No teaching of Scripture is ever put in question by these manuscript issues.

2. Jesus told the woman, “Neither do I condemn you.” How would you respond to someone who said, “It’s wrong for us to condemn sin. Jesus teaches us to be accepting of everyone and everything”?

Saturday, May 15 - John 8:21-30

1. Why were the religious leaders incompetent to judge Jesus and provide light for the people? Why couldn’t they follow Jesus to where he was going?
2. Even as the religious leaders were plotting to kill Jesus, what were Jesus’ words doing in the hearts of many who heard him?

Sunday, May 16 – John 8:31-59

3. Jesus’ words of condemnation in this discourse are spoken to “the Jews who had believed him.” Explain.

4. Who did the Jews consider their father? Who did Jesus say was their real father?
5. Abraham rejoiced in looking ahead to Jesus' day and was glad when he saw it by faith. Why did this make Abraham free?
6. Why did the Jews pick up stones to throw at Jesus?

Monday, May 17 – John 9:1-41

7. In verse 2 the disciples ask Jesus a question about a man who had been born blind from birth. Why is the question of the disciples so difficult?
8. Jesus responds in vv 3,4. How do his words offer encouragement to you in your personal witness to others?
9. How does verse 39 give definition and direction to our ministry at Amazing Grace?

Tuesday, May 18 – John 10:1-21

Verse 14 – “*Shepherd*”—When Jesus called himself a shepherd, he was using a picture very familiar to the Jews. Many of the Jews were shepherds themselves; they knew that shepherds guarded and took care of their sheep. Furthermore they remembered Old Testament passages like Psalm 23: “The Lord is my shepherd” (Psalm 23:1), or Isaiah’s description of the Lord, “He tends his flock like a shepherd” (Isaiah 40:11).

10. Compare Ezekiel 34:11-16 and John 10:11-21. Pick out four parallels between these two readings
11. How are we to understand verse 16?

Wednesday, May 19 – John 10:22-42

Two months passed between verses 21 and 22. It was the Feast of Dedication, or Hanukkah. This national holiday celebrated the purification of the temple by Judas Maccabaeus in December of 165 b.c. John reminded his Gentile readers that it was wintertime in Palestine. Solomon’s Colonnade (so called because it was believed to be part of the original temple) offered some protection from the winter’s cold.

12. Verse 28 records three promises. List them and explain why each is precious to Christians.
13. Reread verse 33 and explain this statement: The unbelieving Jews understood Jesus better than many “Christian” theologians today.