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John 8 selected verses

They said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. "Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" This they said, testing Him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. ... "You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father--God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me ... You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning ... he is a liar and the father of it." Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

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John 8

There is a textual issue in the first story.

I will mostly defer that issue for now and simply say that the story of the woman taken in adultery certainly fits this section well.

John 8 symmetry beginning & ending

Start: Christ entering temple

End: Christ exiting temple

Starts: Accusation of physical adultery

End: Accusation of spiritual adultery

John 8 symmetry beginning & ending

Start: Preparing to stone woman

End: Preparing to stone Christ

Start: Christ prevents stoning of woman in the midst and they leave

End: Christ prevents stoning (of Himself) and passes through the midst of them and leaves

Not only is there some symmetry between the start and end of John 8, there is a kind or mirror image between John 8 and John 9

John 8

Start



End



John 9

Start

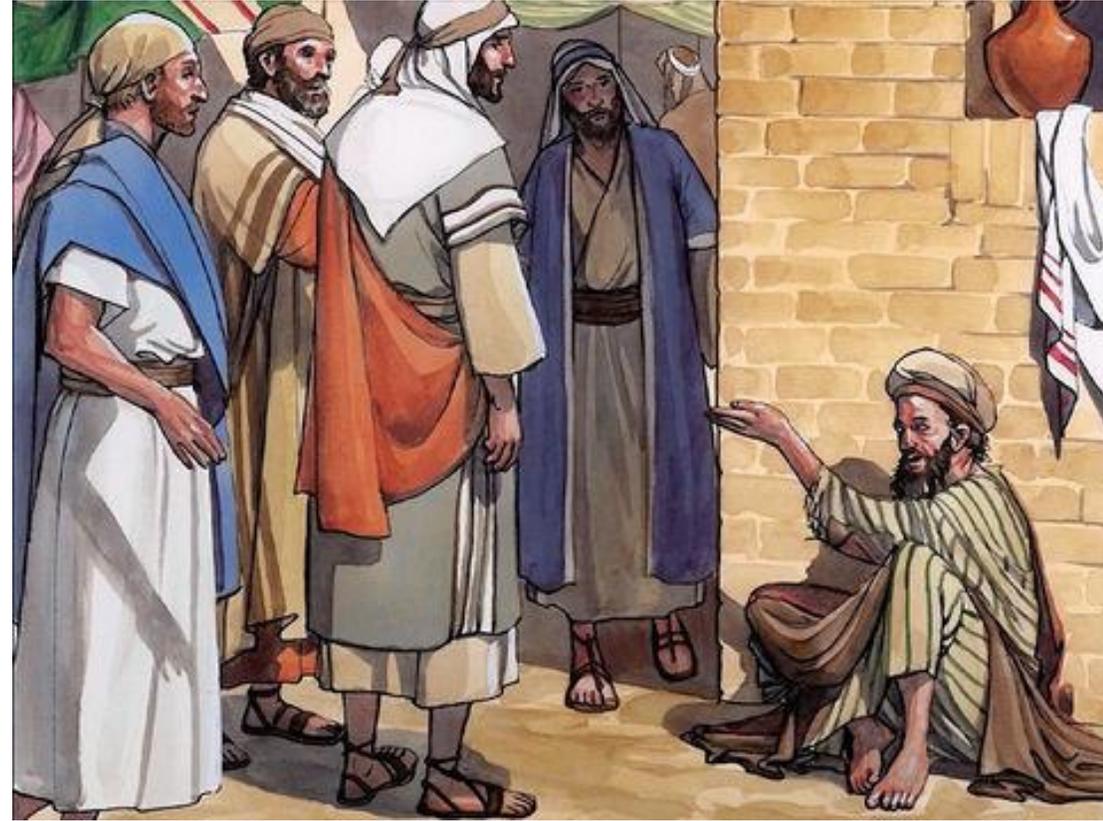


End

John 8



John 9



Both chapters start with a story, which leads into an extended dialogue related to the story

John 8

Starts with story – leads to related dialogue

Physical adultery → spiritual adultery

Early in the morning

Christ writes on ground

Lawgiver incarnate

Christ given choices A and B – He chooses C

“I am the light of the world” (v 12)

John 9

Starts with story – leads to related dialogue

Physical blindness → spiritual blindness

“Night is coming”

Christ spits on ground

Creator incarnate

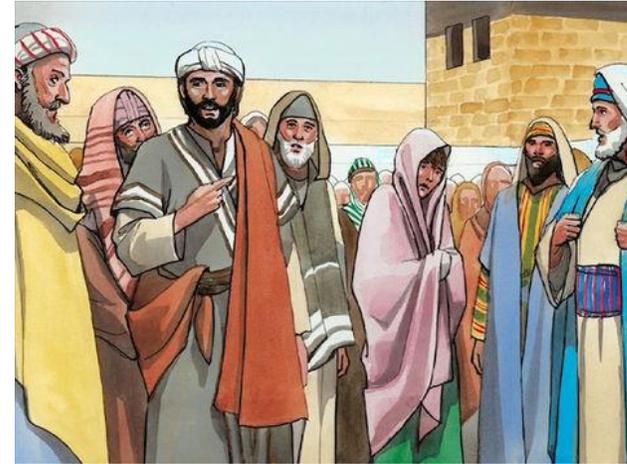
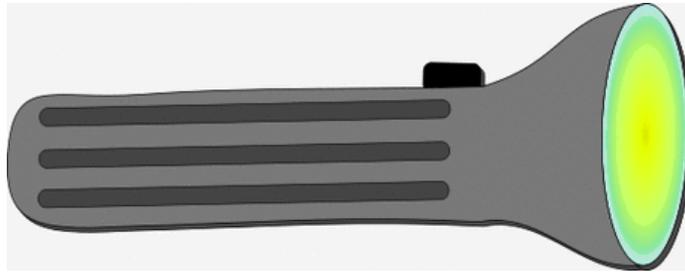
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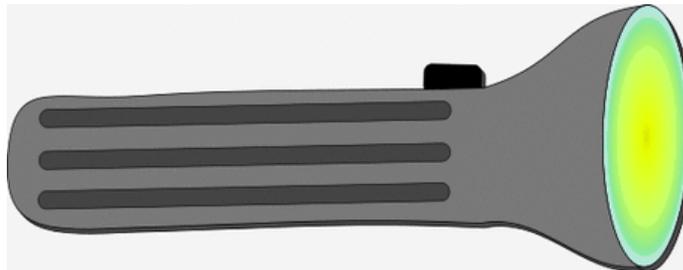
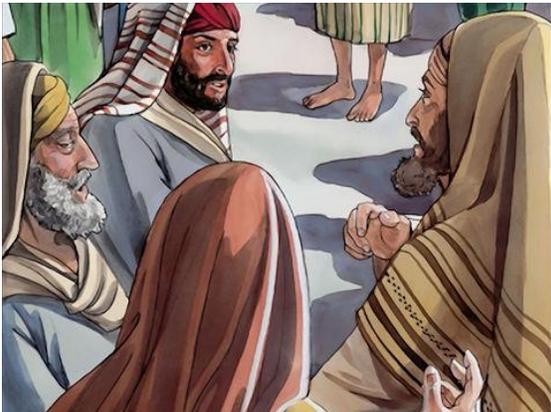
The light reveals things for what they are

John 8 – the light is revealing to the people **THEMSELVES**

LORD



John 9 – the light is revealing to the people **HIMSELF** (the Lord)



LORD

John 8

JOHN 8:13
Jesus Defends His Self-Witness

¹³The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."

¹⁴Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. ¹⁷It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. ¹⁸I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."

¹⁹Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?"

Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

²⁰These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

Jesus Predicts His Departure

²¹Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come."

²²So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you cannot come'?"

²³And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴Therefore 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."

²⁵Then they said to Him, "Who are You?"

And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. ²⁶I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

²⁷They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

²⁸Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. ²⁹And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." ³⁰As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

The Truth Shall Make You Free

³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

³³They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

Abraham's Seed and Satan's

³⁷I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. ³⁸I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father."

³⁹They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." ⁴⁰Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴¹But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴²You do the deeds of your father."

⁴³Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God."

⁴⁴Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴⁵Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁶You are of your father the devil; and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. ⁴⁷But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁸Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁹He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

Before Abraham Was, I AM

⁵⁰Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

⁵¹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵²And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. ⁵³Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

⁵⁴Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' ⁵⁵Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"

⁵⁶Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. ⁵⁷Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. ⁵⁸Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

⁵⁹Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

⁶⁰Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

⁶¹Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ⁶²And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

⁶³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁶⁴I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. ⁶⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 9

JOHN 9:6

⁶When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

⁸Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

⁹Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him."

¹⁰He said, "I am he."

¹¹Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

¹²He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

¹³Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

The Pharisees Excommunicate the Healed Man

¹⁴They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁵Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁶Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

¹⁷Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

¹⁸They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁹But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ²⁰And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

²¹His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²²but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." ²³His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²⁴Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁵So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

²⁶He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

²⁷Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

²⁸He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

²⁹Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. ³⁰We know that God spoke to Moses, as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

³¹The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing that you do not know where He is from, yet He has opened my eyes! ³²Now we

know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³³Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³⁴If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

³⁵They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

True Vision and True Blindness

³⁶Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

³⁷He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

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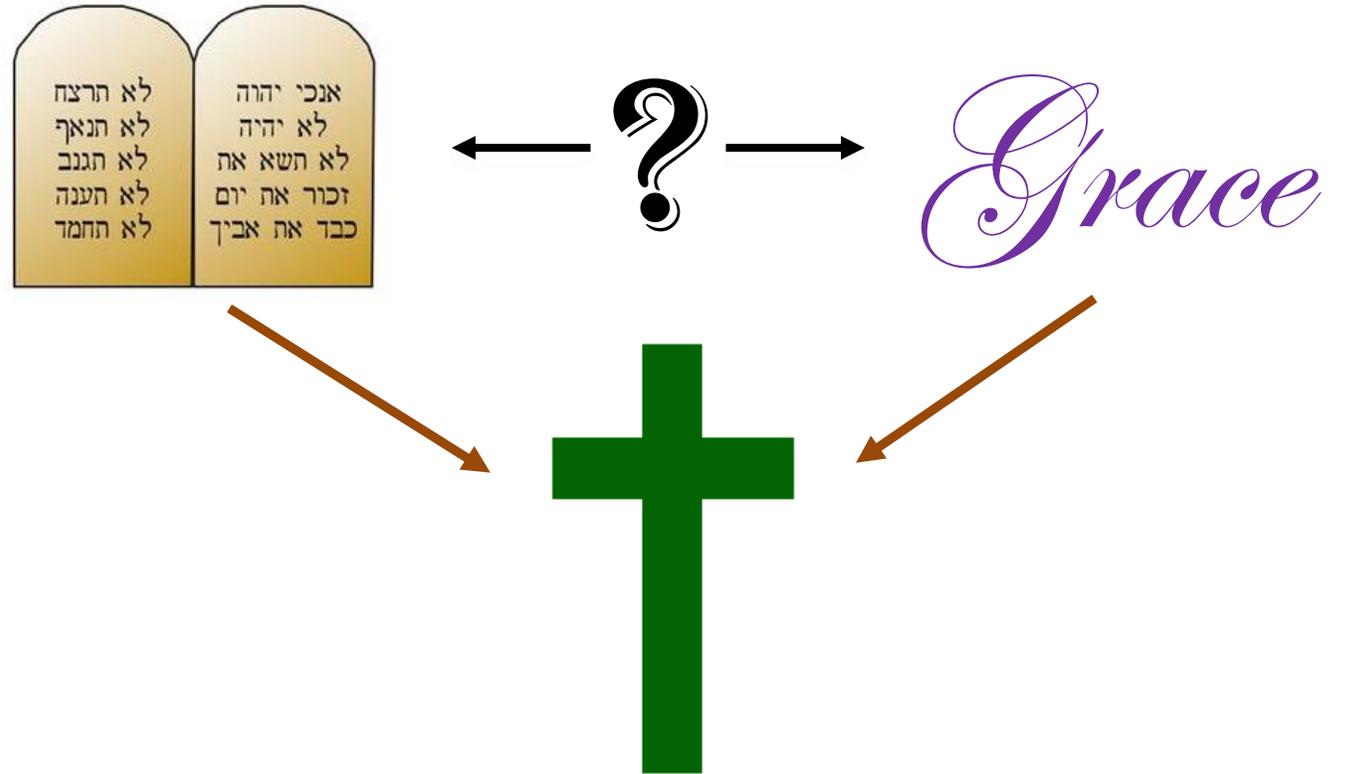
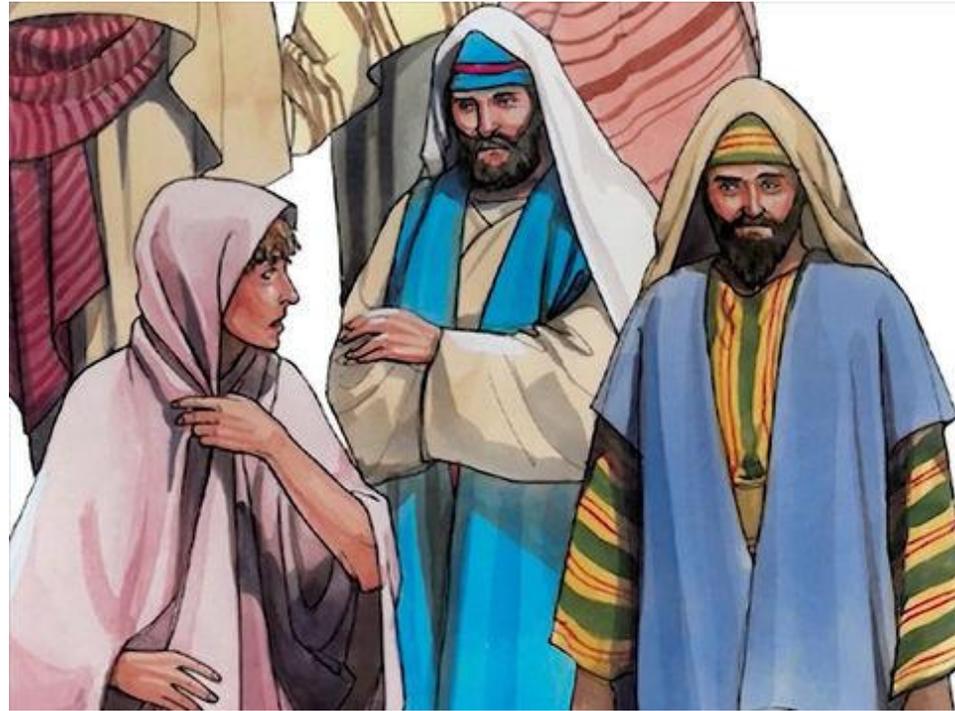
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8:54 NIV Text and NIV Text readers: 8:59 NIV Text omits the rest of this verse. 8:4 NIV Text reads: 8:59.

9:8 NIV Text reads: begged. 9:9 NIV Text reads: "No, not he is like him." 9:11 NIV Text omits the rest of the verse.

The devious problem posed (no man brought!)

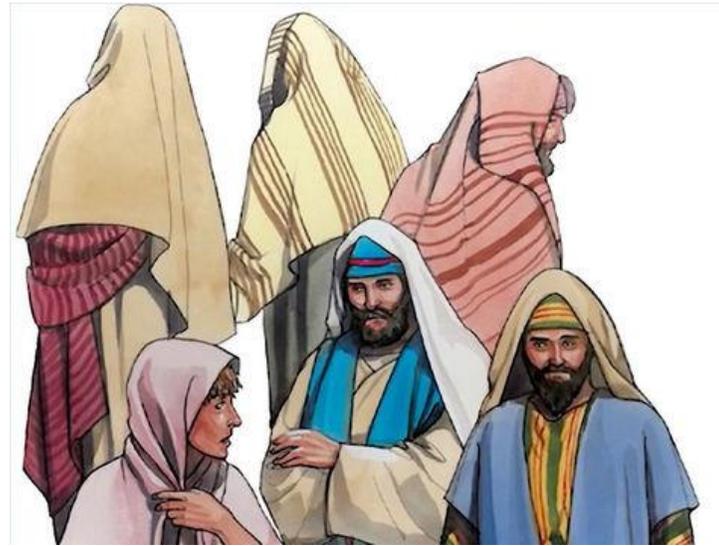
Make Jesus choose between upholding
the law and extending grace



John 1:14, 18 **The Word was made flesh ... full of grace and truth**
The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ

“Let him who is without sin cast the first stone”

As “Light of the world” Jesus makes each one look inside himself and evaluate

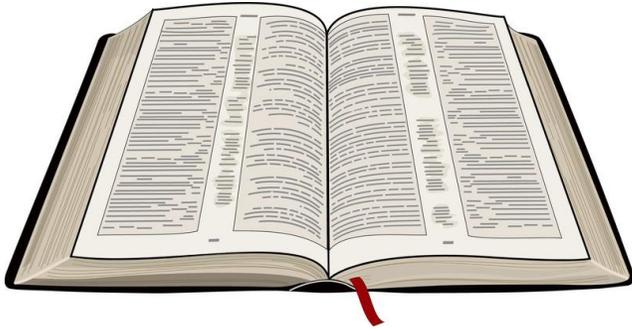


Writing on ground reminds them of the law that was given – the main purpose of the law was to show people that they could not keep it! To show us we need a Savior!

John 8 (selected) Jesus and a woman in trouble

... "You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father--God." ... "You are of your father the devil" ... Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Chapter ending is mirror of how it started



Another accusation of adultery (Jesus accuses of spiritual adultery) and another attempted stoning (this time of Jesus)

If two married people of the same race had a child of a different race, eyebrows would be raised!!

Jesus indicates that when they claim Abraham as their father, they do not bear the family resemblance

Jesus was being kind by “arguing” with them



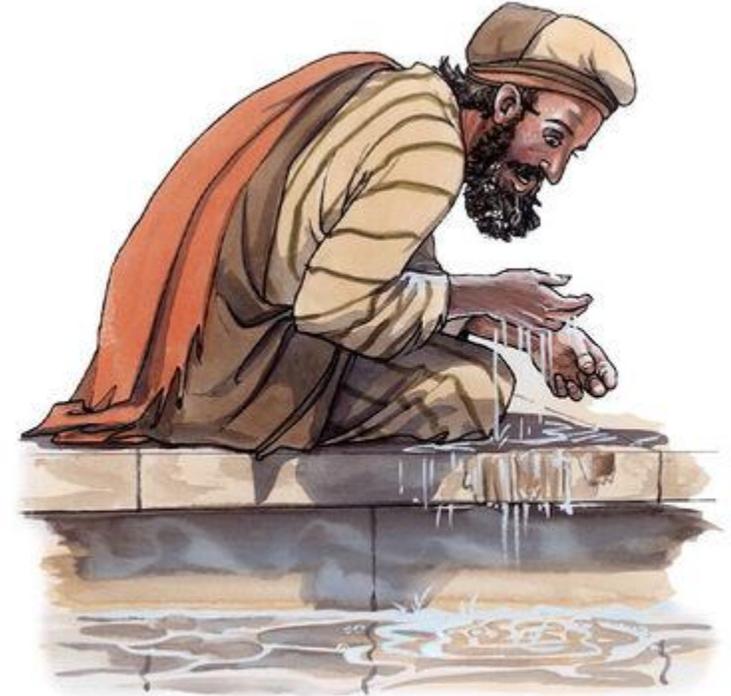
John 9

We observe a man who finds Christ
as the light of the world.

His eyes were opened!

He is sent to the pool!

Contrast with John 5 and the
paralytic ... Pool? NO!



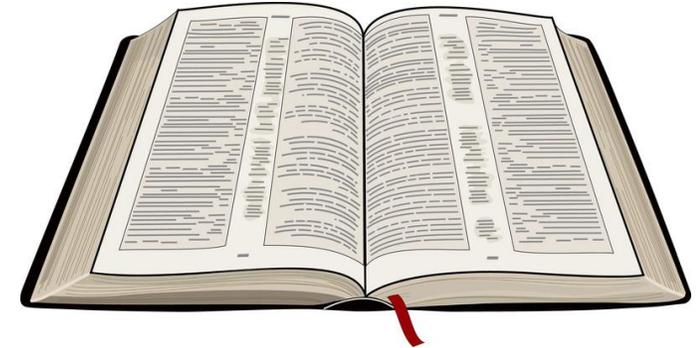
John 5 vs John 9

John 5 – Pool? NO!

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The correct and incorrect usage of the Word of God in salvation

John 5 – Hope was in the pool itself!



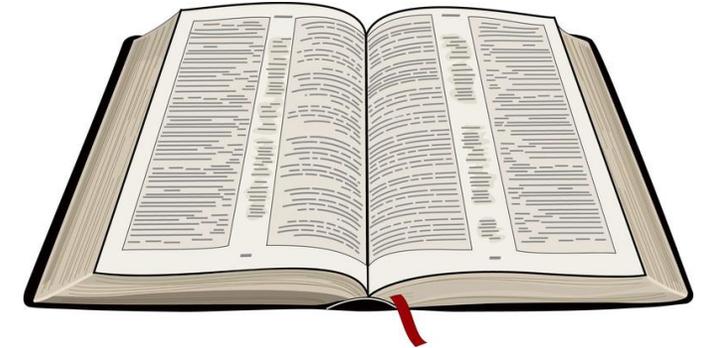
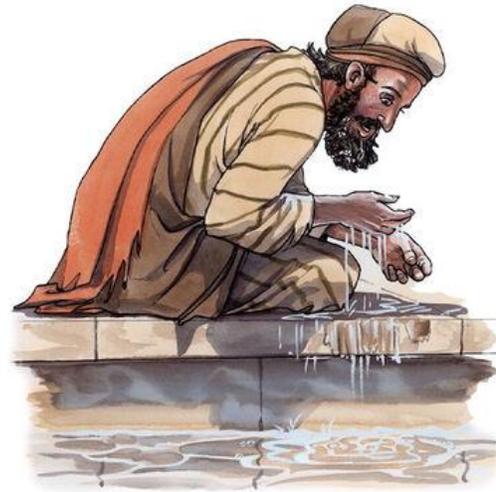
John 5:39-40 “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.”

John 5 vs John 9

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The correct and incorrect usage of the Word of God in salvation



Acts 17:27 “so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him”

His blind search for the pool and receiving his sight was followed by his somewhat blind search for Jesus (and being found by Jesus) to be enlightened and believing regarding Him

John 9 is similar to John 4 in that there is a progression of understanding of the Savior

John 4

A Jew

A prophet

Messiah

The Savior of the world

John 9

A man (v 11)

A prophet (v 17)

From God (v 33)

Son of God/Son of Man
(vv 35 – 38)

John 9:39 – 41

And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.” Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.”