

# John 8:21-48

## Matthew 8:22-32

(Basic Bible in English)

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Think "What would Jesus do?" before you react to anything or anyone. You can't go wrong if you practice the lessons herein.

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**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.

**21** ¶ Then said Jesus again unto them, **I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.** Jesus makes a declaration to the Jewish people: I've come, you've rejected me, and you can't come where I'm going.

**22** Then said the Jews, **Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.** In those times, people believed if you committed suicide you couldn't go to heaven. That's what they thought Jesus was going to do. On a side note, suicide is not a straight ticket to hell or purgatory. Let God be the judge of that. Pray for the family, give them comfort; you do not know all the circumstances leading up to the tragic event. Be careful because people are hurt. Suicide as an unpardonable sin is not in scripture.

**23** And he said unto them, **Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.** This means the world system of mankind that is set up to oppose God. It's been that way since the beginning of history, and it's still that way. Greed is the powerful aspiration in the world system, not God.

**24** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am, ye shall die in your sins. The Jews are His people, but they reject Him and the saving grace He provides. Jesus Christ is claiming to be Jehovah of the Old Testament right here.

**25** Then said they unto him, **Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning.** I'm telling you the same thing over and over and over who I am.

**26** I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. Jesus continues to reiterate to the Jewish people that what I'm here for is for the Father. If you don't believe Me, you don't believe Him.

**27** They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. These people didn't understand Him because they had a mind set based on their own invention of religion.


**28** Then said Jesus unto them, **When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.** Again, Jesus Christ is the Jehovah of the Old Testament. Jesus is conveying the words of God the Father to the people.

**29** And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. Notice: Jesus Christ is always in contact with the Father, and relaying to the people what God wants done. We should be that way-constantly in contact with Jesus Christ to live in the world as He wants us to. Many Christians act like heathens Monday through Saturday, and go to church on Sunday. They lie, cheat, steal; this is all greed.

**30** As he spake these words, many believed on him.

**31** ¶ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;** Preaching makes believers; teaching makes disciples. First you accept Jesus Christ in your heart; then you study the word to grow in Him.

**32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. This is why if you look at the people and oppressive rulers of history, they keep the poverty-stricken people ignorant. Ignorant people are easy to control to your own ends.



**33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?** First of all, that's a lie. They were in bondage a few times – Syria, Egypt, Assyrians, the Romans, etc. etc. etc. They were in bondage to many groups.

**34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.** Jesus Christ is talking on a spiritual plane, and the people are listening and applying His information to the physical realm. Every human being has a weakness. Everyone is slave to a certain sin. If you let that weakness dominate you, then you are its servant. This could be stealing, greed, substance abuse, etc. You can control it and not give in to it by knowing what your weakness is and being careful and vigilant in that area. It's all in how we deal with it. Do we dominate it or does it dominate us? This is talking about something that rules over you, that controls you. Don't let it.

**35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.** Jesus Christ is talking about being in fellowship with Him spiritually. If you are controlled your sin, you'll lose your close fellowship with Him. You won't lose your salvation, just the closeness.

**36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.**

**37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.**

**38 ¶ I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.** He's talking about the devil here. Everybody on the face of the earth is following one of two programs, because that's all there is: the devil or God. Nonbelief butts you in satan's group.

**39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.** He's saying spiritually, if they were really of Abraham, they'd honor God and seek Him out his whole life, even with all the mistakes he made, Abraham failed as a human just like all of us, but he kept seeking God. When you trip up, go to 1 John 1:9.

**40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.**

**41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.** The people are getting mad at Jesus now.

**42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.** If you really love God, you would love Me because He sent Me.

**43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.** These people were spiritually dead in their sins, that's why they couldn't understand Him. This is why it's so important for us to study the word so we're in-tune with Him.


**44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.** Jesus says Himself that the devil is a murderer and a liar and the father of it. Lies breed lies until it blows up in your face.

**45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.**

**46 ¶ Which of you can prove that I've committed sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?**

**47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.** If you're in tune with God, you will hear God's word. This is why it's so important to study His word. If you're not in tune with God, you won't hear Him or His answers to your prayers.

**48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?** These poor Jews are getting hammered by Jesus as a Father. There is only one devil, and many demons. Demons are the devils emissaries. Samaritans were half Jews and half Gentiles, and the Jews hated them.



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**22 ¶ Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.** Jesus cast out the demon that was hurting this human.

**23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?**

**24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.** Beelzebub is translated "the Lord of the Flies".

**25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:**

**26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?**

**27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.**

**28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.** They better pay attention. If He's casting out demons by God's power, then the Kingdom of Heaven is here.

**29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.**

**30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.** You're either for Me or against Me.

**31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.** This is the unpardonable sin.

**32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.** They won't be forgiven now on earth or later in heaven. It is a sin committed by the Jewish people when He walked the earth. A Christian today cannot commit this sin.