

“Truth Provides & Divides”

John 7, 8, & 9

April 13, 2014

Today’s flow...

Palm Sunday... “Triumphant Entry”

John 7,8,9 (Like Matthew 5-7)

Series review...

T/S: *CONTEXT is CRITICAL!*

Big Idea: Truth (Jesus) Provides AND Divides

T/S:

Preview 6 Pillars:

1. The BATTLE RAGES on...

2. SHOWING vs. FLOWING... (clear contrast)
3. Jesus SHINES His Light IN THEIR FACE
4. Jesus: "I AM... you aren't!"
5. LIVING PROOF... Light Personified
6. TRUTH PROVIDES & DIVIDES... eternally!
(**Saved *from* hell or Sentenced to it**)

T/S: *Do you KNOW the Jesus of John 7-9?*

I. 7:1-24 *"The BATTLE RAGES on..."*

Context is key!

KEY Verse:7:2 =

*Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths
(Festival of Shelters), was near...*

7:15 = a truth you & I own too... See Acts 4

7:16-17 = if you're a biblical believer, you will accept biblical teaching AND application!

7:22-23 = Jesus corners & dismantles the religious hypocrites by exposing their heartless hypocrisy!

7:24 = Jesus commands us to judge!

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Key Pillar Points

- a. "They're trying to kill Him"
- b. ***Festival of Shelters*** was near...
- c. Not even His brothers believed
- d. **They hate Me for telling the truth**
- e. **Truth lovers recognize Truth!**
- f. "Why are you trying to kill Me?"
- g. Sabbath keepers but Savior haters!
- h. ***"...judge by true standards."***

T/S:

2. 7:25-53 ***"SHOWING vs. FLOWING..."***

7:37-52 = message of Christianity

1. Thirst. = repent
2. Come. = believe
3. Drink. = receive

***** QT:** *"The (biblical) believer is not self-centered. As he receives the gift of God, so he passes it on to others... Stated another way, when a man believes, he becomes a servant of God, and God uses him to be the means of bringing the blessing to others."* - Leon Morris

THE RESPONSES:

1. Convinced
2. Contrary
3. Confused
4. Contemplative

A closer look at the "Contrary"

- the folks looking for loopholes
- experts at unearthing excuses

*** Truth twisters...

*** Purveyors of partial-truths

*** These are the folks who like
to say things like: "Well,
technically I didn't lie..."

"Smug & sinful unbelief is often built with &
reinforced by faithless facts." - JDP

NOTE: "The Enemy will often disguise his distractions in doubt-
provoking discussions that serve as Trojan-Horses... designed to
devastate disciples, all in the name of discernment." - JDP

*** v.48 = "heretical experts"

Liars often lie loudly! - JDP

*** v.49 =

Don't miss power of a lie!

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*** 7:52 = Here's the real storyline....

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&

*** They're wrong!

Jonah & Nahum (maybe Hosea)

Liars can't be trusted

Key Pillar Points

- a. Snakes do little in the light...
- b. Confusion abounds amongst people
- c. "Do you really know Me...?"
- d. "He who sent Me is truthful... you do not know Him but I KNOW Him because I come from Him and He SENT Me..."
- e. "They tried to seize Him..."
- f. Many began to believe in Him...
- g. "Sent guards to arrest Him..."
- h. "You will look for Me but you will not find Me... you cannot go where I will be (heaven)."
- i. **"On the last & most important day of the festival... Jesus stood up and said:**

To believe in Me is to have rivers of living water to come flowing out of you... (Holy Spirit foretold)

- j. More religious debate & division...
- h. Guards were in awe...

- i. Pharisees claim knowledge but prove ignorance...
- j. Nic at night stands for Jesus...
- k. Leader proves ignorant:
 - "...no prophet comes from Galilee
 - 2 prophets from Galilee

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T/S: NOTE: 8:1-11 (not canonical)

3. 8:12-30

JESUS SHINES HIS LIGHT IN THEIR FACES...

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Key Pillar Points

- a. Back at it with the Pharisees...
- b. ***“I am the Light of the world...whoever follows Me will have the Light of life & will not walk in darkness...”***
- c. “you do not know where I came from or where I am going...”
- d. “the Father who sent Me is with Me”
- e. “You know neither Me nor My Father... if you knew Me you would know My Father also...”
- f. “...and no one arrested Him BECAUSE His hour had not yet come (4X)
- g. ***“...you will die in your sins...”***
- h. “you cannot go where I am going...”
- i. ***“you belong to this world below... but I come from above...”***
- j. ***“that is why I told you that you will die in your sin...and you WILL die in your sins...if you do not believe that I am who I am!”***
- k. ***“I have much to say about you... much to condemn you for...”***
- l. ***“I tell the world only what I have heard from Him (Gods’ Word!)***
- m. ***“When you lift up the Son of Man, you will KNOW that I am who I am...”***
- n. “He who sent Me is with Me...”
- o. ***“Many who heard Jesus believed in Him...”***

T/S:

4. 8:31-59 ***"I AM... You AREN'T"***
(Jesus stays "in their face")

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Key Pillar Points

- a. IF you obey... you really = disciples...
- b. "You will know the truth... set free"
- c. "If the Son sets you free, free indeed"
- d. "If God was your Father, you would LOVE Jesus..."
- e. "You cannot stand to listen to My message..."
- f. "You are the children of your father – the DEVIL... and you want what he wants..."
- g. "He has never been on the side of truth"
- h. "But I tell the truth and that is why you do not believe Me..."
- i. "If I tell the truth, then why don't you believe Me?"
- j. "He who comes from God listens to God's Word."
- k. "You are not from God and that is why you will not listen..."

- l. The self-righteous religious people tear down Jesus and accuse him of being an outcast that is demon possessed...
- m. "I tell you the truth (Amen, Amen) whoever obeys My teaching will NEVER die..."
- n. (crowd to Jesus: "Who do you think that you ARE???)
- o. "You have NEVER known God..."
- p. (crowds mock & laugh at Christ)
- q. "Before Araham was born: I AM"
- r. "so they picked up stones to stone Him"
- s. "But Jesus (supernaturally) hid Himself..."

T/S:

5. 9:1-34 ***LIVING PROOF... Light Personified!***

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Key Pillar Points

- a. Whose sin caused his blindness
- b. He is blind to show God's glory
- c. So long as it is day... we must work
- d. "I am the Light of the world"
- e. (Why mud? Answer: we don't know)

- f. The man obeyed & was blessed!
- g. “How is it that you can now see???”
- h. Jesus healed him on the Sabbath...
- i. Man brought before Pharisees...
- j. “The man who did this cannot be from God because He does not obey the Sabbath...”
- k. “What do you say about Him?”
- l. (Mom & dad come in as cowards!)
- m. See parents in light of Jesus’ brothers
- n. Man brought back again...
- o. “We know Jesus is a sinner...”
- p. “I don’t know if He is a sinner or not, but this much I do KNOW, I was blind but now I see!”
- q. “You were born and brought up in sin...” (a direct contradiction of Christ)
- r. “And they expelled him from the synagogue...” (note difference from the ch.5 paralytic...)

T/S:

6. 9:35-41 ***TRUTH PROVIDES & DIVIDES eternally!***

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Key Pillar Points

- a. "Jesus found the man..."
- b. "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- c. "I believe LORD, and he knelt down before Jesus..."
- d. "I came into this world so that the blind will see and those who see shall become blind..."

*** *Found by Christ...*

*** *Faith in Christ...*

*** *Fixed by Christ...*

T/S: shift from blessing to curse!

- e. "Some Pharisees heard Him and said: Surely you are not saying that WE are blind too...?"
- f. "If you were blind, you would not be guilty (of these most egregious sins), but since you claim to be able to see (as the "experts" and representatives of Moses), your sins remain on you (you are especially guilty)!"

*** *Confounded by Christ*

*** *Confronted by Christ*

*** *Cursed by Christ*

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***** Paradigm Buster *****

Jesus intentionally divides ALL people

- a. Lost vs Found
- b. Light vs Dark
- c. Followers vs Phonies
- d. Sheep vs Goats
- e. Wheat vs Weeds
- F. Truthers vs Liars
- g. Children of God vs children of the Devil

*** EVERYONE is either for Him OR against Him (Matt. 12:30)

vs.

Satan intentionally unites ALL people

Jesus supernaturally unites HIS followers

Satan supernaturally tries to divide followers

Jesus loves ALL people

Satan hates ALL people

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***** *Paradigm Buster* *****

What will you do with what you now know
about the Truth?

What will you do with the biblical Jesus?

Close/Prayer: