

“My Record Is True”
John 8:13-20

Introduction:

1. Let's Open Our Bibles This Morning:
 - To John 8 - Where:
 - Last Sunday - We Left With Jesus' Words From 8:12:
 - Ringing In Our Ears!
 - “I Am The Light Of The World!”
 - And - As This Exclusive & Effective & Extensive Light:
 - Jesus Came To Do For Us:
 - What The Light Of The Sun:
 - Does For This World!
 - His Light Alone:
 - Can Bring:
 - Heat & Help & Hope & Healing:
 - To The Darkness:
 - Of Our Hearts & Souls!
 - Just Like He Did:
 - For The Woman Caught In Adultery:
 - Earlier In This Chapter! And:
 - Just Like He Was Offering:
 - To Those Who Were Still With Him:
 - In The Temple That Day!
 2. But - Tragically - Instead Of:
 - Seeing The Hope:
 - Of His Light - With Their Eyes - And:
 - Feeling The Heat & Warmth:
 - Of His Light - With Their Hearts:
 - Many In That Crowd Only Heard Something:
 - That They Could Use Against Jesus!
 - Their Hearts Toward Him:
 - Were Still So Hard!
 - Because - They Were Still:
 - So Dark!
 - And So - They Make A New Accusation:
 - Against Jesus:
 - And Try To Use:
 - His Own Words Against Him!
 - And - This Leads Us To The New Exchange That We Have In 8:13-20 -
Between The Pharisees & Jesus!
 3. Let's Read These Verses Together!
 - 8:12-20 - “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. / 13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. / 14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. / 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. / 16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. / 17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. / 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. / 19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. / 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!”
 - So - In Response To:
 - Jesus' Enlightening Words:
 - In 8:12 - The Pharisees Respond:
 - In 8:13 - With Another:
1. ***Great Accusation Against Jesus!***
 - They Said:

- “Thou Bearest Record Of Thyself; Thy Record Is Not True!”
 - So - As They Listened To Jesus:
 - They Remembered What He Said Himself:
 - When He Was In The Temple:
 - At A Previous Time & At A Previous Festival!
 - They Remembered What Jesus Said:
 - Back In 5:30-32 - “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. / If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. / There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true!”
 - So - These Pharisees **Did** Listen:
 - To Jesus - But Only To A Point!
 - They Only Heard:
 - What They Wanted To Hear!
 - So That They Could Trap Jesus:
 - With His Own Words! **IE:** Ever Done That Yourself?
 - But - Once Again:
 - These Jewish Leaders Thought They Had Their Chance!
 - So - They Accused Jesus Of An:
 - Inconsistent Witness - And:
 - Incorrect Words!
- His Witness Was Inconsistent:
 - Because - He Was Testifying About Himself:
 - That He Was The Light Of The World!
 - And:
- His Witness Was Incorrect:
 - Because - Didn't He Himself Say:
 - “If I Bear Witness Of Myself, My Witness Is Not True!”
- So - Once Again - They Thought They Had Jesus:
 - With These Accusations!
 - But - They Only Proved What Jesus Would Say About Them:
 - In Matthew 13:13 - “Seeing They See Not, And Hearing They Hear Not, Neither Do They Understand!”
 - Because - When It Comes To Light:
 - It Doesn't Need Any Witness Or Testimony:
 - To Prove That It Exists!
 - It Just Shines! **IE:** Christmas Lights!
 - Light - “Bears Witness To Itself!” (Carson)
 - And - All They Had To Do Was:
 - Open Their Eyes:
 - To See Its Rays!
 - But - They Refused!
 - So - Jesus Responds:
 - With The Truth:
 - That He Could Not Hide!
 - 8:14 - “Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go!”
 - And - With These Words:
 - We Find The:

2. **Great Awareness Of Jesus!**

- If Jesus Was A Man - And:
 - Only A Man - Then His Claims:
 - Would Need To Be Confirmed & Validated:
 - By Others!
 - But - As The “Light Of The World”:
 - Anything Jesus Said & Did:
 - Was So!

- Because - His Witness:
 - Is Based On:
 - His Great Awareness & Knowledge!
 - And - In Spite Of What *They* Thought About Him:
- His Knowledge Was Correct!
 - Jesus Said - "I Know!"
 - Of Course - The Best Witness:
 - Is An Eyewitness!
 - And - With Just These Words:
 - Jesus Tells Them & Us That His Knowledge About Himself:
 - Is A True & Perfect Knowledge!
 - Its Something He's Always Possessed!
 - And:
- His Knowledge Was Complete!
 - Jesus Knew:
 - "Where He Came From & Where He Was Going To!"
 - He Came From God:
 - When He Descended From Heaven:
 - To Perform His Work:
 - Of Redemption For Sins! And:
 - He Was Going Back To God:
 - When He Would Ascend To Heaven:
 - When His Work On Earth:
 - Was Accomplished!
- But - Their Knowledge About Him:
 - Was Both Incorrect & Incomplete!
 - In Effect - Jesus Tells Them That:
 - They Know Nothing About Him!
 - And - What Little They Thought They Knew:
 - Was Wrong!
 - Remember Back In 7:27:
 - Some Said - "We Know This Man Whence He Is!"
 - But - In Truth:
 - They Knew Nothing About Him!
 - Because They Kept Their Eyes:
 - Shut To His Light - And:
 - They Kept Their Hearts:
 - Closed To His Truth!
 - But - As Jesus Knew Himself:
 - Jesus Also Knew Them - And:
 - Jesus Knows You!
 - Completely & Correctly!
 - Truly Omniscient!
 - Need To Be Honest With Yourself:
 - And See You The Way:
 - Jesus Sees You!
 - And When You See In Yourself:
 - Any Darkness At All:
 - Open Your Eyes:
 - To His Light! And:
 - Open Your Heart:
 - To His Truth!
 - But Then - In 8:15-16 - We Find As Well The:

3. ***Great Authority Of Jesus!***

- 8:15-16 - "Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. / And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me!"
 - Jesus Knew That His Mission On Earth:
 - Was First & Foremost:

- To Bring The Heat & Hope & Help & Healing Of His Heavenly Light:
 - To Sinners - Like The Woman / Like Them / Like Us!
- And So - *This* Time:
 - He Came - To “Judge No Man!”
 - Like - The Pharisees Were Judging:
 - “After The Flesh!”
 - Which Means That:
 - The Authority & Judgment Of Jesus Was:
- A Different Judgment:
 - Than Theirs & Different:
 - Than The Worlds - Even Ours!
 - Because - His Judgment Is Based On:
 - His Knowledge:
 - Which Is Correct & Complete!
 - Reminds Us Of The Lord Said:
 - To Samuel - In 1 Samuel 16:7:
 - “For the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart!”
 - Of Course - We Know That:
 - Jesus Is The Judge Of All The Earth!
 - And - Will One Day:
 - Render His Final Judgment:
 - On Every Person Who Has Ever Lived!
 - But - Jesus Did Not Come:
 - *This* Time - To Render His Final Judgment:
 - Of Condemnation!
 - Even Though - He Had Every Right & Reason To!
 - But - Instead - 12:47:
 - “For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world!”
 - And So - The Judgment Of Jesus:
 - Was Different! But:
 - It Was Also:
- A Deliberate Judgment!
 - Because - If & When He Does Come & Does His Work Of Judgment:
 - Not Only Will It Be:
 - Correct & Complete:
 - Because - His “Judgment Is True!”
 - It Will Also Be:
 - Clear - Because:
 - He Won’t Do It Alone!
 - Because:
 - 8:16 - “I Am Not Aloe, But I And the Father That Sent Me!”
- And - The Authority & Judgment Of Jesus:
 - Is Based On His Awareness & Knowledge:
 - Of The Truth!
 - But - Even Though:
 - Jesus Said - “I Judge No Man!”
 - At His First Coming!
 - He Will Judge Every Man:
 - At His Second!
 - And His Judgment:
 - Will Not Be Like:
 - Our Judgment!
 - Not After The Flesh:
 - But According To The Truth!
 - And - When He Does:
 - Nahum 1:6 - “Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him!”

- And So - We Need To Be Ready:
 - For The Time Of His Final Judgment!
 - By - Opening Our Eyes - Each Day:
 - To The Light Of Jesus:
 - That Is Right Now Shining Upon Our Dark & Cold & Hard Hearts!
- But Then - We Find In:
 - 8:17-18 - Jesus Once Again:
 - In His Grace & Mercy:
 - Even Toward His Enemies:
 - Offers Them The Testimony They Were Asking For! Even The:

4. ***Great Affirmation Of Jesus!***

- An Affirmation That Was:
 - Both According To:
 - The Law Of God & The Love Of God!
 - 8:17-18 - "It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. / I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me!"
 - According To The Law Of God:
 - Two Witnesses Were Required:
 - To Confirm Testimony:
 - About A Capital Offence!
 - To Put Someone To Death!
 - This Was Then Taken By The Jews:
 - To Apply To Any Kind Of Crime:
 - Whether It Was Civil Or Moral!
 - And - This Is Still A Good Way To Determine The Truth!
 - And So - "The Testimony Of Two Men Is True!"
 - This Was God's Law - And:
 - Jesus Says - "Your Law!"
 - So - They Accepted It & Lived By It!
 - But - What Jesus Was About To Offer Them:
 - Was A Greater Testimony & Affirmation:
 - To His Light!
 - Because - If The Testimony:
 - Of Two Men Is True - Then:
 - What About The Testimony Of:
 - God! And - The Joint Testimony Of God The Father & God The Son?
 - And So - Jesus Testimony Was True Also:
 - According To The Love Of God!
 - Because - God The Father:
 - Is The One Who Sent Jesus Into This World:
 - To Be The Light Of The World!
 - Out Of Love For The World!
 - And So - His Own Heavenly Father - "Beareth Witness Of Me!"
 - Back In 3:2 - Nicodemus:
 - Seemed To Understand This!
 - When He Said To Jesus:
 - "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him!"
 - Also - Back In 1:33-34 - John The Baptist:
 - Was Told By God That:
 - "Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. / And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God!"
 - And Even - At Jesus' Baptism - In Matthew 3:17:
 - The Voice Of The Father Himself:
 - Proclaimed - "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!"
 - And So - Those In The Temple That Day:
 - Had All The Legal Proof They Were Looking For:

- To Affirm & Confirm The Claims Of Jesus:
 - As - “The Light Of The World!”
 - And - All They Had To Do Was:
 - Open Their Eyes:
 - To His Light!
- And - He Would Lighten Their Darkness!
 - And Provide The Spiritual:
 - Heat & Hope & Help & Healing:
 - That Their Cold, Hard Hearts Needed!
- But - Still They Refused!
 - But - Isn't This What We Do As Well?
 - When We Shut Our Eyes & Our Hearts:
 - To The Life-Changing Light:
 - Of Jesus & His Word?
 - Even If You've Already:
 - Come To The Light:
 - Sometimes Its Brightness:
 - Can Still Be Blinding:
 - To Our New Sense Of Spiritual Sight!
 - And - We Can Turn Away From:
 - The Lord's Powerful & Penetrating Light!
 - Because - Sometimes Its:
 - Heat Is Too Hot!
 - Its Healing Hurts!
 - And Sometimes Its Help:
 - Is Unwanted!
 - Think Of John - Revelation:
 - Saw The Eyes Of Jesus:
 - “As A Flame Of Fire!”
 - In Times Like These:
 - Don't Close Your Eyes!
 - Because - His Light Is Still:
 - The Only Hope You Have At The End Of The Tunnel Of Your Life!
- But - Instead Of Hearing & Believing In:
 - The Testimony They Said Were Looking For:
 - 8:19a - “Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father?”
 - Once Again - They Thought They Knew Something About Jesus!
 - About His Family - And Even:
 - About His Father!
 - Perhaps - They Wanted To:
 - Hurt Jesus - If They Knew:
 - That Joseph Was Dead! Or:
 - Perhaps - They Wanted To:
 - Shame Jesus - If - As We Will See In 8:41:
 - They Think That He Had No Legitimate Father!
 - “We Be Not Born Of Fornication!”
 - Either Way - They Cared Nothing For:
 - The Testimony Of This “Father” Of His!
 - And - If They Could Not:
 - Hear From This Father Themselves - Or:
 - If They Could Discredit This Father:
 - They Could Discredit Jesus Himself!
 - But - Jesus Confronts Them Once Again:
 - And Provides The:

5. ***Great Assurance Of Jesus:***

- About His Own Knowledge:
 - In Contrast With Theirs!
 - 8:19b - “Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should

- have known my Father also!”
- So - Here - We Find:
- Jesus’ Rebuke:
 - About The Assumed Knowledge:
 - Of Those Pharisees In That Crowd!
 - They Thought They Knew Something:
 - About Jesus - But:
 - In Truth - They Knew:
 - Nothing!
 - Even If They Did A Little More Research:
 - They Could Have Learned The Truth:
 - About Him!
 - But - They Didn’t Want The Truth!
 - So - They Kept Their Eyes Shut!
 - But Then - We See:
- Jesus’ Relationship:
 - With His Father!
 - He Was A True Reflection:
 - Of The One Who Sent Him!
 - And So - To Know Jesus:
 - Is To Know His Father!
 - To Believe In Jesus:
 - Is To Believe In His Father!
 - To Have A Relationship With Jesus:
 - Is To Have A Relationship:
 - With God!
 - And - All They Had To Do!
 - All We Have To Do!
 - Is - Open Our Eyes:
 - To The Truth Of His Testimony:
 - That He & He Alone:
 - Is The Light Of The World!

Conclusion:

1. And Then - In 8:20a - John Adds These Words:
 - “These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as He taught in the Temple!”
 - John Offers His Own Testimony:
 - About The Testimony:
 - Of Jesus! To:
 - Further Confirm His Claims:
 - As The Light Of The World!
 - But - The Treasury Was More:
 - Then Just The Place:
 - Where Jesus Was:
 - When He Made This Great Claim!
 - It Was Also A Sign:
 - Of His Claim As Well!
2. The Treasury Of The Temple:
 - Was In The Court Of Women:
 - So - It Was A Place Where:
 - The Events Of 8:1-11 Could Have Taken Place:
 - And Adds Authenticity:
 - To That Event As Well!
 - But - It Was Also The Place:
 - Where There Were Placed 13 Receptacles:
 - Shaped Like Trumpets:
 - Into Which God’s People:
 - Could Place Their Offerings!
 - It Was Also Where:

- Those Four Great Lamps Were Installed:
 - During The Feast Of Tabernacles!
 - And - In This Place:
 - Where The People:
 - Would Give Their Treasure:
 - To God!
 - This Is Where God:
 - Gave His Greatest Treasure:
 - To Them!
 - In Jesus!
 - Because - In This Place:
 - Where The Lights:
 - Would Shine Forth Their Light:
 - Into The City:
 - For Just A Week!
 - This Is Where God:
 - Shined Forth His Light Into The World:
 - That Will Never Be Extinguished!
 - This Is Why John Adds Further:
 - 8:20b - "And no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come!"
 - We Saw This Once Before:
 - Back In 7:30 - But:
 - It Shows Just How Powerful Jesus Is:
 - As The Light Of The World!
3. And - Jesus Record About Himself:
- As This Light:
 - Is True!
 - And We Can See Its Truth:
 - In His Awareness / Authority / Affirmation / Assurance!
 - But - What Are We Doing:
 - With This Truth:
 - That We Believe?
 - Do You Continually Expose Yourself:
 - To His Light?
 - Remember - Apart From Christ:
 - We Live In & Love Our Darkness!
 - 3:19 - "Men Loved Darkness Rather Than Light, Because Their Deed Were Evil!"
 - And - This Is Still:
 - What Your Old Flesh:
 - Is Drawn To!
 - Remember That:
 - The Light Of Jesus:
 - Is The Greatest Treasure:
 - In Your Life!
 - Keep Your Eyes Open:
 - To His Light!
 - Because - His Record Is True!

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