

JESUS SETS MEN FREE

John 8:31-59

Key Verse: 8:31,32

"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

* THE WAY TO BECOME THE TRUE CHILDREN OF GOD (31-41)

1. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? How can one be a true disciple? Why must we? What does it mean to be free? How can we know the truth? What are some characteristics of truth?
2. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' words? (33) How did their racial pride keep them from being free? Read verses 34-36. How did Jesus want to help them? How is a slave different from a son? (35) How can slaves become sons?
3. Read verses 37-41. In what sense were they Abraham's children and in what sense were they not? Why are Abraham's children also children of God?

* THE CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL (42-47)

4. How did these religious leaders expose themselves as children of the devil?

* JESUS' CLAIMS ABOUT HIMSELF (48-59)

5. How did the Jews dishonor Jesus? In response, what did Jesus teach them about himself? What gracious promise did he give? What does this mean?
6. How had God revealed his plan of world salvation through Abraham? What did Jesus teach them about Abraham's faith? (What was the promise that Abraham held on to?--Ge 22:18) How did they respond to Jesus' Bible teaching? Why?