

# The Truth Will Set You Free

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Jesus fulfills O.T. prophecies including the Deuteronomy 18 promise that a Prophet will come who speaks the words of God. These words of truth include exposing our self-justification and offering to deliver us from our enslavement to sin so that we might not walk in darkness but in the light of righteousness. Jesus is the great “I AM”. He is the Messiah. If we’re willing to listen to Him, the Son will set us free (8:36) and we will never see death (8:51).

## **I. Jesus is the Light of the World – Read John 7:40-8:30 and answer the following questions**

- A. Why do you think the people were so confused about who Jesus was (7:40-52)?
  
- B. How does Deuteronomy 18:15-22 help us to recognize Jesus as the one true prophet?
  
- C. How does Isaiah 9:1-2 help us to know for sure that He’s the promised Messiah (8:12)?
  
- D. According to John 8:12, those who reject Jesus walk in spiritual darkness. As you read through John 8:13-30, what are the different ways that the Jews demonstrate their spiritual darkness?

## **II. Jesus Sets You Free – Read John 8:31-47 and answer the following questions**

- A. John 8:30 says, “*many believed in Him*”. And yet, how do the Jews show their faith to be false?
  
- B. Jesus says, “*If you abide in Him, you are truly My disciple*”. What does it look like to abide?
  
- C. What are the different ways that the Jews are trying to justify themselves (8:31-47)?
  
- D. In what ways do you think you try to justify yourself before God? Relational connections? Religious works? Moralistic comparisons? Blame shifting?

## **III. Jesus is the great “I AM” – Read John 8:48-59 and answer the following questions**

- A. What does Jesus mean when He says, “*If anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.*”
  
- B. In John 8:53, the Jews ask two questions. What are they and how does Jesus answer them?
  
- C. What do you think it means that Abraham saw Jesus’ day and was glad (John 8:56)?
  
- D. Jesus, the great “I AM” Jehovah God of Exodus 3:14, says that if He sets you free from sin, you will be free indeed (8:36). In what ways would you like to be set free from sin?