

Truth and Freedom

(John 8:31, 32)

1. Contextual Considerations:

- 7:53-8:11 not found in the oldest Greek manuscripts. What does it mean? Authentic incident, but may be out of place. May not be a part of the original Gospel of John

- The dialogue/speech of chapter 8 is a continuation of the dialogue/speech in chapters 7 at the Feast of Tabernacles

2. Textual Truth – 4 Key Words

A. Abide (*menō*) – “if you continue...”

- denotes close, consistent contact and connection (see John 15:4)

- the believer is called to have consistent contact with the Word (see Psalm 1)

- Consistent contact with the Word always results in something

B. Disciple (*Mathetes*) “then are you my...”

- **the difference between disciple and members has to do with the response to the Word.**
- **learner and imitator. The teaching of the teacher becomes the basis for conduct.**

C. Truth (*Alētheia*) “and ye shall know...”

- **truth happens when appearance and reality match.**
- **the “truth” her has to do with the saving knowledge of Christ. It is not general truth.**

D. Free (*Eleutheroō*) “and the truth...”

- Free from**
- fear**
 - self**
 - others**
 - Sin (Romans6:18, Galatians 5:1)**