

Greek Readings
Series B, Reformation Day
John 8:31-36

Verse 31

- Parse ἔλεγεν _____ What nuance of the imperfect tense fits best within the context? (Voelz, 58–60) _____
- Parse πεπιστευκότας. _____ What does this tense convey regarding the duration of this action? (cf. 8:30) _____
- Parse μείνητε. ἐὰν . . . μείνητε . . . ἔστε is equivalent to what type of conditional clause? (Voelz, 248–251) _____
What does the nature of the condition reveal about discipleship? _____

Verse 32

- Parse γνώσεσθε and ἐλευθερώσει. _____
- Paul is the only other writer in the NT to use ἐλευθερώω. How does Paul's use of the term help us understand John's? (cf. Ro. 6:18, 22; 8:2, 21; Ga. 5:1) _____
- Refer to the other occurrences of the word ἀλήθεια in John. (Jn. 1:17; 5:33; 8:44; 14:6; 16:13; 17:17; 18:37-38) What is the theological significance of ἀλήθεια in light of the greater context of ἀλήθεια in John? _____
- What is the truth Jesus reveals to those who remain in His Word and are His disciples? _____

Verse 33

- Parse δεδουλεύκαμεν _____ What type of word is πώποτε? _____
- Explain the irony introduced by the children of Abraham claiming never to have been slaves? (cf. Exodus 1:11-14, etc.) _____
- In what sense were the Jews "Abraham's descendants"? (cf. Is. 51:2; Lk. 3:3) _____
But is this claim true? In what sense does the Word of God mean by the expression "son of Abraham"? (cf. Lk. 19:9; Rom. 9:6-8, 16; Gal. 3:7) _____

Verse 34

- ἀμὴν ἀμήν is phrase John uses often. Why does John use this phrase? (cf. Jo 5:19, 24, 25; 6:26, 32, 47, 53; 8:51, 58; etc.) _____
- Parse ποιῶν _____ What is the significance of the tense of this participle? _____
- What type of grammatical construction does ὅτι introduce? (Voelz, 266) _____
- What is meant by "a slave of sin"? (cf. Rom 6:6, 16, 17, 20) _____
- If the slave does not dwell in the house, what does he miss out on? (cf. Jo. 15:15 in addition to 8:34-35) _____

Verse 35

- Refer to the other occurrences of the word δοῦλος in John (Jn. 13:16; 15:15, 20).

Verse 36

- What is the fundamental difference between a "slave" and a "son"? (Gal. 4:1–7 and 3:25–26) _____
- Jesus plays on the word "son" (ὁ υἱός) here; explain what He means. (cf. 8:35) _____
- Parse ἐλευθερώση _____
- ἐὰν...ἐλευθερώση...ἔσεσθε is equivalent to what type of conditional clause? (Voelz, 248–251) _____
- How does the Son set one “free”? (1 Pet. 1:18–19; cf. Rom. 3:24–25; 4:25; 5:18–19; Eph. 1:7) _____

Integration of Meaning

Using one complete sentence, state the theme of this periscope while rightly distinguishing Law and Gospel.