

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is the reaction of “the Jews” to the teaching of Jesus (v. 15)? Why this reaction? What is it about Jesus’ teaching, or His teaching style, that grabs their attention?
2. Consider Mark 1:22. Does this provide additional insight for us? What does it mean that He taught “as one having authority”? What does it mean that His teaching was “not as the scribes”?
3. What is Jesus’ explanation for His teaching (vv. 16, 18)?
4. Meditate on v. 17. How does this verse run counter to our natural inclinations? (How is Matthew 14:28-31 a possible example of this?) Can you think of a time when this was true in your own life?
5. There are two possible ways to relate to God (in attaining salvation) (John 1:17). These are the way of _____ and the way of _____. (A) The way of law can be summarized as: *Keep the commandments, and escape the penalty; break the commandments, and suffer the penalty.* (B) The way of grace can be summarized as: *Keep the commandments, but suffer the penalty; break the commandments, but escape the penalty.*

6. Why is the way of law the problematic path of the two (v. 19)? What makes this such an issue?

- Romans 3:23
- James 2:10
- Galatians 3:10

Who then can be saved by the way of law (their works of law-keeping)?

6. What is our only viable option when it comes to salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9)? Salvation by grace is the _____ of God, not the _____ of man.

7. Explain the foregoing way of grace in relating to God (question 5, part B). (To whom does each provision apply?)

8. What incident (“one deed,” v. 21) incited the murderous rage of “the Jews” against Jesus (5:18)? Two reasons are cited:

- (1)
- (2)

How does Jesus deal with the first charge (7:22-24)? How does He deal with the second charge (7:16-18)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. Something new I learned this week is . . .

2. I will relate to God by the way of grace this week by . . .