

# "The Last Words of Jesus" Pt. 4

Moving Toward Easter – Wk 4

John 8:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:14,15; Ephesians 2; John 3:16-17

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*Imagine "Blindness!" – not physical blindness . . . but blindness of one's heart! A blindness that cannot perceive truth . . . or 'right-ness' . . . an inability to even acknowledge or appreciate spiritual and eternal implications - Yes, totally devoid of comprehending reality . . . a true, full and encompassing . . . blindness!*

**Context:** This morning, again, a parallel of two stories. The first . . . the woman caught in the very act of adultery, accused and condemned by those who would claim righteousness according to the Law - the Torah! The second . . . Jesus, hanging on the cross . . . as Luke tells us in chapter 23:34,

*"But Jesus was saying,  
'Father, forgive them; for they do not know  
what they are doing.'"*

And we can ask the question of these same people in both stories: What was the reason that, in both situations, they did not know what they were doing?

John 8:1-11

1 Corinthians 2:14,15

\_\_\_\_\_ things are only \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_!  
A \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ person (and a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_) is \_\_\_\_\_!

Ephesians 2 (Your \_\_\_\_\_!)

List the contrasting qualities of each from Eph. 2.

Non-Spiritual

Spiritual

John 3:16-21

In His earthly ministry, Jesus has been very clear regarding sin and confession, belief and unbelief, spiritual life and death. Yet, the *blindness of heart* has affect the vision and the hearing of many . . . "I'm okay, I have the Law, I have my actions, I have my traditions and ceremonial rites! But Jesus said that these are worthless. And even as He was pouring Himself out on the cross, He said, "Forgive them Father, they don't know what they are doing!"

This might be a good time to humbly look into our hearts and ask the Savior to examine us . . . and respond . . . .

What part of this passage "caught your attention"?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?