
*We will notice the following forms of false accusations
in John 8.

Questioning in a "righteous manner"
Insinuation and innuendo
Direct accusation

* Questioned in a "righteous manner"

John 8:5 asked a religious question in public -- (was
this a simple religious question?)
6 tempting Him to accuse Him
6-9 how did Jesus handle this? -- He wrote facts on the
ground

* Accused Him of lying

John 8:12 Jesus made a statement about being the light
of the world
13 they accused Him of having no witnesses and of
lying
14-18 Jesus' response

* Insinuation/innuendo or direct accusation

John 8:19 "where is Your Father?"
19 Jesus' response

* Insinuation/innuendo or direct question

John 8:20-21 Jesus said -- where I go, you cannot come
22 "will He kill Himself?"
23-24 Jesus' response
25 "who are You?"
25-32 Jesus' response

* Insinuation/innuendo or direct accusation

John 8:33-38 discussion about Abraham's seed
39 "Abraham is our father"
39-40 Jesus' response
41 "we were not born from fornication"
42-47 Jesus' response
48 "Weren't we right to say that you are a
Samaritan and that you have a demon?"
49-51 Jesus' response
52-53 "We know that you have a demon" -- "Who do you
think You are?"

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Jesus' response
they took up stones to throw at Him -- He hid

EXAMPLES OF JESUS CHRIST DEALING WITH FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Luke 4:28-29 -- early in His ministry, He faced wrath in the synagogue
Luke 11:53-54 -- they provoked Him to speak -- laying in wait for Him -- seeking to catch something out of His mouth -- that they might accuse Him
John 11:53 -- from that day forward, they took counsel together to put Him to death
Matt. 26:3-4 -- the chief priests and elders took counsel how they might kill Him
1 Peter 2:19-23 -- when He was reviled, He did not revile again -- when He suffered, He did not threaten

- * At the very end, Jesus did not respond to the accusers or to the mockers.
 - * However, throughout most of His ministry, He did respond directly to His accusers.
 - * When He did respond, how did He respond?
 - He responded to religious zealots seeking to trap Him.
 - He responded directly to His accusers -- usually in a short dialogue.
 - He did not talk behind the backs of religious leaders to stir up sedition.
 - In one example, He was described as being angry. (He was angry without committing sin -- as mentioned in Ephesians 4:26.)
 - He did not allow His emotions to negatively influence His perspective.
 - He responded at the moment and moved forward in His life. Because He did not dwell on the past, He did not have a root of bitterness.
 - Since He did not dwell on the past, He did not seek revenge.
- *He did not seek validation from people. On several occasions, He reiterated that His validation came from the Father.
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| SCRIPTURE | ACCUSATION | RESPONSE? | COMMENT |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Matt. 4:3 | manipulative question | v-4 | obeyed |
| Matt. 4:6 | manipulative question | v-7 | obeyed |
| Luke 5:18-21 | thoughts -- blasphemy | v-22-24 | healed him |
| Luke 5:30 | direct -- eating with sinners | v-31-32 | ate |
| John 5:16 | direct -- breaking Sabbath | v-17 | served |
| John 5:18 | direct -- blasphemy | v-19-47 | validation |
| Mark 2:24 | Bible question | v-25-28 | fed them |

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|----------------|---|-----------|-------------|
| Mark 3:1-2 | to accuse--(Bible question-Matt. 12:10) | v-3-4 | anger |
| Luke 7:34 | marketplace -- eating with sinners | v-35 | ate |
| Luke 7:39 | thoughts -- associating with prostitute | v-40-50 | forgave |
| Matt. 9:34 | using power of the prince of devils | none | healed many |
| Matt. 12:24 | using power of the prince of devils | v-25-37 | |
| Matt. 13:55-57 | questions -- offended in Him | v-57 | |
| Matt. 15:3 | accused His disciples | v-3-20 | |
| John 7:15 | innuendo -- no validation | v-16-24 | validation |
| John 7:20 | direct -- You have a devil | v-21-24 | validation |
| John 7:25-27 | innuendo -- we know this man | v-28-29 | validation |
| John 8:5 | Bible question -- to accuse | v-6-9 | wrote sins |
| John 8:12-13 | direct -- self-promotion & lying | v-14-18 | validation |
| John 8:19 | innuendo or direct? | v-19 | validation |
| John 8:20-22 | innuendo or direct? | v-23-24 | validation |
| John 8:25 | sarcastic question | v-26-29 | validation |
| John 8:33-41 | innuendo or direct? | v-42-47 | validation |
| John 8:48 | direct -- Samaritan & devil | v-50-51 | validation |
| John 8:52 | direct -- devil | v-53-58 | validation |
| John 10:19-20 | debate -- has a devil & is mad | none | |
| John 10:24 | if You be the Christ, tell us plainly | v-25-30 | validation |
| John 10:31 | they wanted to stone Him | v-32-38 | validation |
| Luke 13:10-14 | public correction | v-15-17 | healed her |
| Matt. 19:3 | Bible question -- tempting | v-4-12 | |
| Matt. 21:23 | Bible question | v-24-27 | |
| Matt. 22:15-17 | Bible question -- to ensnare | v-18-22 | |
| Matt. 22:23-28 | Bible question | v-29-33 | |
| Matt. 22:34-36 | Bible question -- lawyer tempting | v-37-46 | |
| Matt. 26:59-63 | they sought false witnesses | none | at first |
| Matt. 26:63 | high priest questioned Him | v-64 | |
| Matt. 26:65 | high priest accused Him of blasphemy | none | |
| Matt. 27:11-12 | Pilate questioned Him | none | |
| Matt. 27:13-14 | Pilate questioned Him | none | |
| Luke 23:35 | if You be Christ, save Yourself | none | |
| Luke 23:39 | if You be Christ, save Yourself & us | none | |

*While Jesus at times sought temporary distance from His accusers (John 8:59, John 10:39 and John 12:36), He ultimately died for them.