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John 8

Jesus Delivers the Adulterous Woman

1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

The mount of Olives held and will hold a special place for Jesus the Messiah. Jesus withdrew from the tension and conflict He was experiencing to a place of solitude, His time with His Father. It will one day be the very place that Jesus returns to earth and when His feet touch down the mountain will split.

Zechariah 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Revelation 16:18-19

And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake the likes of which had not occurred since men were upon the earth—so mighty was the great quake. / The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. And God remembered Babylon the great and gave her the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath.

We need to remind ourselves from time to time that Jesus was fully man, with the capacity to tire from long hours of work. At the

same time, He was fully God, but had set aside His Powers as God to become the Lamb that would save the world. Jesus became a slave, a servant of man so that His death would fulfill the Law of God the Father; an innocent sacrifice so special that it would cover the sins of mankind for all time, for all sin. Jesus was still God the Son while in human form. He never stopped being Jesus the Son but endured the frailties of man as God in human form.

Jesus often went to the Mount of Olives; it was a place of refuge from the fierce attitude of the religious leaders and the crowds towards Him. Often after going to the Mount of Olives the next day He would return to the Temple to begin teaching again. He did not hide but mostly remained visible to all during His ministry.

2And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

Jesus continued His routine, and the Pharisees knew it, so they intended to set a trap for Jesus. The Jews were faced with two opposing laws; Firstly, Mosaic Law required the stoning to death anyone who committed adultery period. Secondly, Roman Law forbid anyone from killing another human being without a legal trial overseen by the Roman government period.

3And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, **4**They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. **5**Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

The Law of God Leviticus 20:10

Leviticus 20:10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 22:22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

A curious thing: where is the man that this woman committed adultery with? The law required that both be put to death, but the religious leaders only brought the woman. It only highlights the unfairness of the religious leaders as to trying to trap Jesus.

6This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not.*

There is much speculation as to what it was that Jesus wrote in the dirt. Many scholars tie what Jesus says to the leaders and tie that to what he wrote in the dirt. They think Jesus was writing the names of the very accusers in the dirt visible to everyone there.

Or perhaps Jesus wrote the name of the very man that had committed adultery with this woman. The man's identity would undoubtedly be known to the accusers but certainly not to Jesus. For Jesus to know his name would in fact be quite a miraculous knowledge.

7So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

Whether the notion is correct that the accusers' names were written in the dirt or the man's name who committed adultery with this woman or not they were still confronted with an internal challenge. Everyone knew each of the accusers, they would know of their nature and know that they were sinners too. So, does the accuser's double down on their allegations or do they withdraw from their allegations for fear of being exposed?

8And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 9And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

We as sinners are not tasked with accusing others of being sinners. We are tasked with repenting and leading others to repentance and Salvation. We are called upon to forgive those who sin against us as they repent and seek forgiveness.

To what end does one sinner accuse another sinner of being a sinner gain. We are all sinners and fall short of the Glory of God. It is by God's Love, Grace, and Mercy that we are able to be forgiven.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

10When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Several things of significance in these two verses. We are told that Jesus stood upright from where He had been writing in the dirt. Jesus is proving His authority for what He is about to say. He is not afraid of mankind and the religious leaders. They have all fled at just a few words the Jesus spoke, cutting to their very hearts and convicting them.

Now certainly adultery offends the person's spouse in a horrific way, but it also offends God. God had declared that in marriage two shall become one and that union should be Sanctified and Holy. In the Law at that time these accusers are correct, adultery under the Law of God was death.

Jesus is God and is standing before a person who had broken His Law that required death, but what was His response.

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God has sole authority to accuse and God has the sole authority to forgive sin. The Son of God had such authority as Jesus proved even as the religious leaders accused Him of taking such authority that they did not believe He had.

Matthew 9: 2And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. 3And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. 4And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. 7And he arose, and departed to his house. 8But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Within Judaism they believed that sickness was connected to sin. If you were infirmed, sick or ill, they believed it was because you had sinned. So, in this miraculous event Jesus deals with both, sin and sickness. He does so by first showing He as the Son of

God has the authority over sin, by telling this man his sins are forgiven. When challenged by the religious authorities, thoughts that Jesus could read, He then told the man that his illness was healed and that he should just get up and walk. Jesus did this to show the people and religious leaders that He had authority over sin and sickness. Some of the most profound verses in the Bible are in Isaiah 53.

Isaiah 53: 1Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Jesus the Light of the World **(1 John 1:5-10)**

12Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Jesus proved that He had power over sin and sickness. He now declares that He is light, a Spiritual Light that will bring light the opposite of darkness to the world. In the Light will be Truth. Darkness tries to hide the Truth or tries to make real Truth unseeable. Darkness as we know in real life flees from Light. A dark room is no longer dark when the light is turned on. The same is true for our lives. We in this world walk in darkness because we do not know or cannot see the Light of Christ. When we see the Light of Christ that He came to save us from sin, the darkness cannot exist in the light, the Light of Christ Jesus.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Ephesians 5:8-9

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, / for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Psalms 36:9

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

John 12:35-36

Then Jesus told them, “For a little while longer, the Light will be among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. / While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of light.” After Jesus had spoken these things, He went away and was hidden from them.

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. / Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. / In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

13The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

The Pharisee's biased view was their worst enemy. They were in darkness and Light was trying to speak to them, but they were deaf as well and could not hear. Their Spirit was dead, and they could only see with eyes of flesh and ears of flesh.

14Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know

whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. [15](#)Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

We know in the end Jesus is the Judge. God the Father has given all judgement to Jesus. How then does He say, "I judge no man." The fact is that on His first mission was to save man; Jesus comes in Mercy and Grace to save man. All that will come to Him will be saved.

In the end He will judge all mankind that reject Him as Savior. So, what He is speaking of is this initial mission that He was sent on. It was a Savior not Judge. At His second coming He will Judge and at the Great White Throne Judgement at the end of the Millennium He will Judge the final Judgement.

[16](#)And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

[Revelation 20:12](#)

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne. And books were opened, and one of them was the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their deeds, as recorded in the books.

[17](#)It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. [18](#)I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. [19](#)Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

Jewish Law said that a person could be found guilty of an allegation on the testimony of two people. Jesus declares that He is testifying of Himself, and that God is likewise testifying of Jesus.

From the Berean Study Bible:

“The Father's testimony about Jesus is manifested in several ways: through the works Jesus performs ([John 10:25](#)), the voice from heaven at Jesus' baptism ([Matthew 3:17](#)), and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah (Isaiah 53, [Psalm 22](#)). This divine testimony validates Jesus' claims and mission, providing the necessary corroboration according to Jewish law. The dual testimony of Jesus and the Father fulfills the legal requirement for establishing truth, reinforcing the legitimacy of Jesus' identity and mission.”

[20](#)These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

The Treasury is located in the Court of Women where both men and women could gather. It had 13 vessels shaped like trumpets for people to put in various types of donations. It was a busy place, so Jesus used it to do His teaching. That way both men and women could hear Him.

[21](#)Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

Jesus continues to speak to the Pharisees and religious leaders. He is declaring that their rejection of Him will result in their blood being on their own hands.

22Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

Suicide to the Jews was considered a grave sin. They are obviously thinking in the flesh and not the Spirit. That separation from Spiritual reality will be their demise, they cannot be saved unless they surrender to God in the Spirit.

23And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. 24I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.

Jesus makes the declaration that He is the Savior, the Messiah they have long waited for. However, Jesus knows their hearts and their hearts are far from Him. Sins can only be forgiven if we acknowledge that Jesus is the Messiah and that He died for our sins and that we repent of our sins. Anything short of that as we see with the religious leaders leaves them to die in their sins and receive the just reward for that decision.

25Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even *the same* that I said unto you from the beginning. 26I have many things to say and to judge

of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

Jesus came to earth from the Father who sent Him. Jesus has declared that from the beginning of His ministry. He has been repeatedly called a blasphemer, yet He stayed the course of His Mission from God.

27They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

The denseness of the ears of flesh when hearing Spiritual matters.

28Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. 30As he spake these words, many believed on him.

Jesus tells them that “When ye have lifted up the Son of Man” speaking of the crucifixion on the Cross. He will be nailed to a cross and the cross with Him on it will be lifted up and set in a hole so that He will be on display before the religious leaders.

God did not abandon Jesus at the Crucifixion, in fact God would provide unmistakable proof to the religious leaders in what He did

to the curtains in the Holy of Holies and the earth itself trembling at Jesus' death.

The Truth will Set You Free **(2 John 1:4-6)**

31Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; **32**And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

They knew well the words of God from Deuteronomy 6.

*Deuteronomy 6: **4**Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: **5**And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. **6**And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: **7**And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. **8**And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. **9**And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.*

Obedience has always been an attribute that God wants from us all. We sin, we repent, we sin, we repent. Our hearts are with God with Christ even as we struggle with sin. Never quit, never surrender to Satan and turn from God. God is our Rock our Salvation.

33They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

This fallback position is fraught with problems as is the statement that they “*were never in bondage to any man*”. Egypt, Assyria, Babylon and at this point under the rule of Rome are several points they refused to acknowledge.

34Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Sin is the master of those who sin. Jesus has set us free, but it is a freedom that needs to be acknowledged and walked in every minute of every day. Satan’s desire is to have us fall back into sin, Jesus’s desire is to have us walk as free men and women.

35And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever.

In Jewish culture, a slave or a servant had no permanent rights as a slave, they could be sold or traded at the masters whim. A son on the other hand, especially the first-born son, had an irrevocable place in the family forever and a position of authority over the family when the Father gave it to him.

36If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Galatians 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

37I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. 38I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

Jesus pulls the Abraham card before they can, setting them on their heels. Jesus declares their unbelief publicly for all to hear. Their fathers were of the same pattern of unbelief in God.

39They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.

Abraham was found to be Righteous by God, for His Belief in God. These religious leaders had no such belief and were now rejecting the Father and the Son. Jesus knew well of their desire to kill Him and knew that they would indeed succeed.

The Children of the Devil

42Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

Jesus will say that we as human beings follow one of two beings. Either the Father Creator or His antithesis Satan. Anyone who refuses to choose by default will fall to Satan. The same can be said of Truth and Lies, Light and Darkness, Love and Hate. Choices must be made and Jesus declares that these religious leaders have chosen Satan.

44Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Jesus sums up the attributes of Satan:

Murderer and a liar. All who do not walk with God the Father, will by default walk with Satan the devil.

The Spiritual and Moral dimensions of murder include; hatred and malice which God characterizes as “murder”.

1 John 3: 15Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

45And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not. 46Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

Jesus makes it clear that if you do not believe Him, Jesus the Messiah, then you have chosen the opposite of God, you have chosen to follow Satan.

Jesus will now send these religious worldly non-believers into a tail spin.

Before Abraham Was, I Am

[48](#)Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

As we discovered earlier, it was a tactic used by those during this time in power to cause others to dishonor a person by saying that they “hast a devil”. It was political speak to warn others not to have anything to do with the person that the elites had decided was a threat to them.

[49](#)Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. [50](#)And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

Jesus’s defense is the Truth. God declares Jesus to be His One and Only Son. God has determined that Jesus is the Glory of God the Father.

From Strong’s Concordance

“Transliteration: doxa

Pronunciation: DOX-ah

Phonetic Spelling: (dox'-ah)

Definition: *Glory, honor, splendor, majesty*

Meaning: *honor, renown; glory, an especially divine quality, the unspoken manifestation of God, splendor."*

The prophet Isaiah had seen the Glory of

John 12: [37](#)But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: [38](#)That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? [39](#)Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, [40](#)He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. [41](#)These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

From the Berean Study Bible on John 12:41

"This statement connects Isaiah's vision to the pre-incarnate Christ, suggesting that the glory Isaiah witnessed was indeed the glory of Jesus. In [Isaiah 6](#), Isaiah describes a vision of the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. This vision is often interpreted as a theophany, a visible manifestation of God, which in the New Testament context is understood as a Christophany, a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ. The glory seen by Isaiah is thus linked to the divine majesty and holiness of Jesus, affirming His eternal existence and divine nature."

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As a note, many things in the Bible have a dual understanding, both of physical and Spiritual. However, not all things in the Bible have that dual nature, some things are purely physical, and some things are purely Spiritual. It is important to differentiate when those occur. For example, in this next verse Jesus speaks in a purely Spiritual context because we know that all mankind dies, except those in the Rapture.

An example of a purely physical reality would be Judges 9:45

Judges 9:45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that was therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

That is a physical reality that occurred. It was brought about by a Spiritual failure but the verse and event is purely physical and no need to try and Spiritualize it.

We simply must be diligent in not Spiritualizing every verse and word in God's Word. Context is critical, what is God trying to tell us, is it a historical fact or a Spiritual fact.

51Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Vs 51 is Spiritual Truth but not a physical truth, except for those as we said are in the Rapture.

The next few verses contain physical truths; Jesus existed before Abraham, that is a fact. The idea that Jesus was before their patriarch Abraham was a bridge too far for them to believe in their fleshly minds. Even though it is a physical fact, it requires a Spiritual understanding of how it was possible.

52Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. **53**Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

These questions in vs 52 – 53 are of the flesh. That is the realm these Jewish leaders were in. Long gone had been the miracles that were done for Israel. The Miracles at this time were going to be done by Jesus and His Apostles. God had made His point that He was the One and Only True and Living God and had no need to continue to make that point. It was up to them to believe in God as Abraham had done.

Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Jesus understood their problem of not understanding Spiritual things that they should, simply through belief. What they had been

hearing about Jesus being the Messiah would weaken their positions of power, so their minds of flesh would not let them even consider that they were allowed to see the Messiah firsthand.

54Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: 55Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

Jesus simply speaks the truth, physically so they can hear Him, they don't like it but they hear Him. They hear Him physically speak words but do not accept them as truth due to their blindness to the Spirit and their flesh rejecting anything that would hinder their power in Israel.

There are really two kinds of knowledge: physical knowledge and Spiritual knowledge. One helps the other but one, rejects the other.

Physical knowledge rejects the Spiritual Truth of God for the most part. On the other side of that coin, Spiritual Knowledge aids us in understanding physical knowledge. If a person is trapped in total physical knowledge, then they are blinded to Spiritual knowledge.

Hosea 4:6My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject

thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

56Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.

Hebrews 11: 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

57Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? **58**Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Hosea 4:6 again speaks to their blindness.

59Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

John is describing a miracle here without calling it a miracle. How does one so prominent as Jesus, being the focus of everyone's attention simply walk by them and leave the temple. Not only were the Jewish leaders and those present blind in the Spirit, it appears that God had blinded them if only temporarily to allow His Son to walk past them and out of the temple.

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