

**#3 Encountering Jesus through Sinfulness**  
**John 8:1-11 (3/15/09AM)**

Much debate has occurred as to whether this is actually part of inspired Scripture.

**Many Bible Scholars Agree that This Passage Is \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture**

1. The Hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees (2-6)

*A Day of Rest after the Feast*

• **Their \_\_\_\_\_ actions**

Paul would speak of such men in Titus 1:15-16, “but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure”

**An Example of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Religion**

• **Their \_\_\_\_\_ attitude**

They did not bring the man but only the woman in direct violation of the law, Leviticus 20:10, that they claim to defend.

**An Example of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Religion**

• **Their \_\_\_\_\_ agenda**

Their purpose is to pit Jesus against Moses. They did not care about defending the law and they cared nothing for this woman.

**An Example of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Religion**

Their question illustrates a profound moral issue. How can a sinner experience grace without destroying justice?

2. The Reply of Jesus (6-9)

*He Is the Master of Every Moment*

• **His apparent \_\_\_\_\_**

He took the focus upon the woman and turned it to Himself.

**The Lesson Is in the Manner of His Response not the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Writing**

• **His \_\_\_\_\_ command**

He upheld the law because it states that the two witnesses required for a conviction are to cast the first stones at the condemned, Deuteronomy 17:6-7.

**The Condemning Became the \_\_\_\_\_**

• **Their \_\_\_\_\_ conviction**

They responded to it in the wrong way, they left the only person who could forgive them. They should have fallen at His feet and pleaded for mercy.

**Conviction Will either Bring You to Christ or Drive You \_\_\_\_\_**

3. The Forgiveness of the Woman (9-11)

*Her Forgiveness Is Implied*

• **He treats her with \_\_\_\_\_**

He gave her back a measure of dignity by addressing her as “Woman”. He could have called her a harlot or an adulteress.

**Don't Confuse His Compassion for Her Person as \_\_\_\_\_ Her Sin**

- **He pardons her** \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus was the only person who could have cast the first stone.

John 3:17, “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

We asked the question “How can justice and mercy coexist?”

The answer is the cross. Jesus knew that in less than six months

He would die upon the cross for this woman’s adultery. God

can extend grace to sinners because justice was satisfied at

Calvary. Jesus is our substitute as the God the Father poured

out His wrath upon His Son. Paul declares “that He might be

just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”,

Romans 3:26.

**Only the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus** \_\_\_\_\_  
**the Justice of God and**  
**Saves the Condemned Sinner**

- **He commands her to** \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus acknowledged that her adultery was sin. He has given her a pardon not an acquittal.

Psalm 130:4, “But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.” Jesus is truly the friend of sinners.

**Jesus Humbles the** \_\_\_\_\_ **and Lifts up the**  
**Humbled Sinner**

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