

Grace for the Guilty

John 8:1—11

Jesus confronts both self-righteous judgment and hidden sin, revealing Himself as the only righteous Judge who offers grace that calls sinners to repentance and transformation.

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SERMON OUTLINE

HE EXPOSES HYPOCRITICAL JUDGMENT

- A. **The Setting:** Religious leaders bring a woman caught in adultery, seeking to trap Jesus (vv. 1–4)
- B. **The Scheme:** They appeal to the Law, not out of righteousness, but to accuse and manipulate (v. 5–6a)
- C. **The Insight:** Their question reveals hearts more concerned with **condemnation** than truth (v. 6b)

HE CONFRONTS HIDDEN SIN

- A. **The Challenge:** Jesus calls for the sinless one to cast the first stone (v. 7)
- B. **The Conviction:** One by one, beginning with the oldest, they walk away under the weight of their guilt (v. 8–9a)
- C. **The Reality:** The accusers stand **exposed**, not as judges, but as sinners in need of mercy (v. 9b)

HE EXTENDS GRACE WITH A CALL TO CHANGE

- A. **The Compassion:** Jesus addresses the woman with dignity and care (v. 10)
- B. **The Mercy:** He refuses to condemn her, offering undeserved **grace** (v. 11a)
- C. **The Command:** Grace is not permission to continue in sin, but a call to leave it behind (v. 11b)

RECEIVE GRACE AND WALK IN NEWNESS

Where are you tempted to judge others while overlooking your own sin, and what would it look like this week to receive Christ's mercy personally and take one clear step away from sin and toward obedience?

SERMON NOTES

