

Central Church of Christ
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John



A PERIOD OF CONFLICT

When the Accusers Walk Away

John 7:25 - 8:10 || September 13, 2026

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating.

Our goal is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**.

Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us as** much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**.

You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.



Before the sermon, **children ages 2–7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

Sept 13: God wants us to forgive others.

Lesson Text: Genesis 45:1-15

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

SERVICE ORDER

September 13, 2026

Announcements

Call to Worship

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Standing on the Promises

Prayer

Sweet Sweet Spirit

Prepare For Communion

I Believe in Jesus

Communion Prayers

O Be Careful

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading - John 8:1-11

Lord Reign In Me

Sermon

I Need Thee Every Hour

Shepherd's Moment

Ancient Words

Sam Lewis

Nestor Pozo

David Byerly

David Byerly

Sam Lewis

John Cox

John Cox

Tony Stanley

Aidan Smith

Aidan & Josh

Ben Holloway

Ross Jordan

Shane Robinson

Andrew Boone

George Brock

Andrew Boone

GREETERS

Chris & Chrissie Smith, Daryl & Teresa Williams

NURSERY

Stefany & Lexi Nelsen

WEE WORSHIP

Hannah Kresser, Noah Robinson, Amanda & Grace Shannon

SERVE COMMUNION

Noah Robinson, Jeff Brown, Matt Locke, Chris Akers, Greg Tilley,
Rhett Stanley, Clint Russell, Tyson Russell

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:1-11, NKJV

“But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.

KEY WORDS

John 7:25-8:11

Christ (Christos), 7:26-27, 31, 41-42. The Greek word for Messiah, God's Anointed One. The crowd argues over Jesus' identity by tracing His hometown and lineage. They assume they already know where the Christ must come from.

Officers (hypēretai), 7:32, 45-46. Temple guards sent to arrest Jesus. They return empty-handed and explain themselves in one line: no man ever spoke like this Man. Their assignment was to silence Him. Instead they became witnesses.

Water (hudōr), 7:38. Jesus offered rivers of living water to anyone who thirsts and believes. John explains this refers to the Spirit, not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified. The feast's own water ceremony becomes the backdrop for the claim.

Division (schisma), 7:43. A split or tear, the same word used for a torn garment. The crowd divides over Jesus, unable to reach a verdict. His presence does not settle debate (it provokes it).

Without Sin (anamartētos), 8:7. Its only occurrence in the New Testament. Jesus does not dismiss the Law's penalty for adultery. He exposes the accusers' own guilt before they can carry it out.

Condemn (katakrinō), 8:10-11. To pass a formal, damning verdict. Jesus tells the woman plainly that He does not condemn her. He does not excuse her sin, but He does call her to a different future.

For more study materials, visit ccocdalton.org/john

WHEN THE ACCUSERS WALK AWAY

John 8:1-11 || September 13, 2026

A woman caught in sin is brought before Jesus. What happens next surprises everyone in the crowd. We look at one of the most quoted moments in all of Scripture, and ask what it means to receive mercy without excusing sin.

The Charge

When Someone Else's Sin Becomes a Weapon

The woman was caught in the _____ of adultery (8:3-4). The accusation was serious and punishable by death (Lev. 20:10).

The accusers are trying to _____ Jesus (8:6). The absence of the man should raise questions about this situation (Deut. 22:22).

The Judge calls out the _____ of sin (8:7). Jesus saw through this trap and put them face to face with their own sin.

The Challenge

When the Accusers Must Examine Themselves

The woman has _____ to say in her defense (8:3-5). She stands accused before Jesus and everyone gathered there.

The accusers are only _____ in Jesus' response (8:6). They seem more concerned with trapping Him than with what happens to her. Jesus gets to the heart of the problem.

The Judge leaves the _____ with no accusers (8:9-10). The woman was brought before Jesus accused of a capital offense has now come face to face with the only person who is truly without sin.

The Conversation

When We Meet the One Who Died for Our Sins

The _____: “Has no one condemned you?” (8:10). Jesus spoke directly to the woman. She simply answers, “No one, Lord.”

The _____: “Neither do I condemn you” (8:11a). Jesus extends mercy to the woman. Imagine the weight that has just been lifted.

The _____: “Go, and sin no more” (8:11b). Jesus calls the woman to leave her sin. The mercy she receives calls for a change in the way she lives. Grace is never permission to continue in sin .

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John did not write this so that we would know more ‘about’ Jesus. He wrote it so that we would ‘know’ Jesus. Jesus knows you and wants you to know Him.

Examine yourself before you accuse.

It is possible to see someone else’s sin clearly while refusing to face our own. Our responsibility is to restore with gentleness while also watching ourselves (Gal. 6:1).

Let mercy lead you to repentance.

We can come to Jesus as we are, but we must be willing to leave our sin behind. His mercy is not permission to continue in sin. The goodness of God should lead us to repentance (Rom. 2:4).

Extend the mercy you have received.

Remember how much God has forgiven you when you respond to someone who has sinned. We are called to forgive others as God has forgiven us in Christ (Eph. 4:32). Be tough and tender.

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Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Will start back in September

Wed Bible Classes

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Reoccurring Events

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

LIFE Groups

Various times & locations

(Visit our website)

Food & Clothing

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM

(Go to office area)



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