

God of Grace and Mercy

John 7:40–8:11

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Main Theme: Jesus reveals both truth and grace. Some rejected Him, some believed in Him, and we see that Jesus is full of grace and mercy toward sinners while still calling them to repentance.



1 John 7:40–42 — Different Responses to Jesus

Some said Jesus was the Prophet, others said He was the Messiah, and others doubted because they assumed the Messiah could not come from Galilee. Their assumptions kept them from seeing the truth.



Lesson: Study God's Word carefully and do not be misled by wrong assumptions.

Supporting Verses

- Matthew 1:1–17 — Jesus came from the line of David
- Micah 5:2 — The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem
- Matthew 2:1 / Luke 2:1–7 — Jesus was born in Bethlehem
- Isaiah 9:1–2 — Galilee would see a great light
- Matthew 2:19–23; 4:14–15 — Jesus grew up in Galilee, fulfilling prophecy

2 John 7:43–46 — The Power of Christ's Words

Temple guards were sent to arrest Jesus, but they returned saying, "No one ever spoke like this man." Jesus' words carried authority and confronted the heart.



Lesson: When Jesus truly speaks to a heart, people cannot remain unchanged.

3 John 7:47–52 — Pride Can Blind People

The Pharisees mocked the crowd, but Nicodemus urged them to hear before judging. Their pride blinded them to the truth.



Lesson: Do not despise small things or humble beginnings.

Supporting Verses

- 2 Kings 14:25 — Jonah was from Gath-hepher in Galilee
- 1 Corinthians 1:26–29 — God often uses what the world considers weak or small

4 John 7:53 — A Choice Must Be Made

Some believed in Jesus and others rejected Him. The same choice remains for us today.



Lesson: Will I believe Him or reject Him?

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John 8:1–11

Jesus reveals grace and mercy while still calling sinners to repentance.



5 John 8:1–5 — The Woman Caught in Adultery

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus. They were not seeking truth, but trying to trap Him.



Lesson: People may try to trap Jesus, but Jesus cannot be trapped.

Supporting Verses

- Deuteronomy 22:22 — The Law condemned adultery
- John 18:31 — Under Roman rule, the Jews could not freely carry out executions

6 John 8:6 — Jesus Wrote on the Ground

Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, reminding us of the God who wrote the Law.



Lesson: Jesus is not against God's Law—He is its divine Author.

Supporting Verse

- Exodus 31:18 — The tablets were written by the finger of God

7 John 8:7–8 — Let Him Who Is Without Sin

Jesus said, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” He exposed the hypocrisy of her accusers.



Lesson: Only the sinless One had the right to condemn her—and that was Jesus.

Supporting Verse

- Exodus 34:1 — The second giving of the Law points to God's willingness to give another opportunity

8 John 8:9–11 — Grace and Mercy

One by one the accusers left. Jesus, the only sinless One, showed grace and mercy to the woman.



Lesson: Jesus does not excuse sin, but lovingly calls sinners to repentance and a changed life.

Supporting Verse

- Matthew 7:2–5 — Before judging others, we must first examine our own hearts

Grace and Mercy

- Grace gives what we do not deserve
- Mercy withholds the judgment we do deserve

Key Truths to Remember

◆ Do not despise small things and humble beginnings.

◆ Study God's Word and do not allow others to mislead you.

◆ God is still pouring out His grace and mercy.

◆ Repent and be saved.

Review Questions

1. **Fill in the Blank:** The religious leaders failed to recognize Jesus because they trusted their assumptions instead of carefully studying the _____.
2. **Fill in the Blank:** Grace _____ what we do not deserve, and mercy _____ the judgment we do deserve.
3. **Challenging Question:** How should Christ's grace and mercy change the way you view your own sin and respond to others who fail?

