

Sermon Series: The Gospel of John: Can He Be Trusted?

Sermon Title: You Can't Cancel Mercy

Text: John 8:1–11

Date: Sunday, May 31, 2026

Congregational Reading:

John 8:11, “And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go, and leave your life of sin.’”

Bottom Line: The mercy you give is the mercy you receive.

Question of the Day: Do I judge others harshly but expect mercy for myself?

1. Shame turns the worst thing about someone into their identity. (John 8:1–6)

Application Question: How has shame stopped you from seeing the full picture?

2. Jesus turns the measure in our hands into a mirror for our hearts. (John 8:6–9)

Matthew 7:2, “*Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For as you judge, so shall you be judged, and the measure you use will be measured back to you.*”

Application Question: What stone of judgment do you need to drop today and examine your own heart?

3. Jesus turns a life sentence into a fresh start. (John 8:10–11)

Application Question: Are you allowing the condemnation of yourself or others to hold you back from the life God has for you?

Benediction/Blessing:

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who offers mercy in the place of accusation, meet you wherever shame has tried to hide you.

May God the Father remind you that He offers you grace for your guilt, redemption for your failures, and hope for your future.

May the Holy Spirit soften every place in your heart that holds judgment against others, and give you courage to examine your own life in light of His mercy.

And may you receive that mercy personally so you can give mercy to others more freely.

May you receive the One who invites you to walk away from shame, step into freedom, and live the new life He has given you.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.