



Dad's Not Mad

John 7:53 - 8:1-11

Vulgate = commonly used

⁵³ Then they all went home, ¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

John 7:53 - 8:2

Leviticus 20:10

Deuteronomy 22:22

Where's the _____?

pax romana = Roman Law

He _____ (vs. 6)

⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

It was a _____ of sinners that brought a _____ sinner before Jesus.

Jesus knows we are _____ sinners.

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

1. They leave oldest to youngest.
2. It is only Jesus and the woman left standing

The woman's conviction drove her _____, the conviction of the accusers sin drew them _____!

¹¹"Then neither do I condemn you,"

God's grace takes you out of the _____ and into the _____.

The sinner is accepted before he pleads for mercy. It is already granted. He need only to receive it. Total amnesty. _____.

The Good News of the gospel of grace cries out: We are all, equally, _____ at the door of God's mercy!

Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

God hates _____, he just doesn't hate _____

What sin do you need to leave not because God hates you for sinning in that way but because it's killing you and He hates that?

Creekside Events



Prayer

Open together in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time in conversation and community.

My Story

When you were a child, did you ever get caught in the act of doing something you shouldn't have been doing? What happened as the follow up to getting caught?

Digging Deep

1. Reflecting on Sunday's message, what idea or lesson stood out to you the most?
2. **Read John 7:53-8:6.** What was the Pharisees' intention as they brought the woman caught in adultery in front of Jesus and the crowd? Can you reflect on a time when you were quick to judge or fueled by self-righteousness?
3. **Read Leviticus 20:10.** The Pharisees use this Law given to Moses in the Old Testament that commands them to stone the person who was caught in adultery. What is something that is stated in the Law that the Pharisees did not include? Why do you think that is?

Digging Deeper

4. **Read John 8:7-11.** What stands out to you in this scene? What were the possible emotions of the various people and groups involved in this story?

5. How does this passage emphasize the characteristics of Jesus' compassion and mercy, but also His righteousness and lawfulness? Discuss how these seemingly contradictory characteristics are reflected in the story. In what ways can we emulate Jesus' approach of confronting sin with truth and love, rather than condemnation and judgment?
6. **Read Romans 6:1-2; 11-14.** How does this passage reflect the ending of the story in John? What does it mean to be "under grace" as Paul puts it in Romans?

Taking It Home

7. In **John 8:11**, we see that Jesus does not condemn this woman for her sin, but He does command her to leave her life of sin. Once we have been forgiven by Christ, why is it important that we continue to flee from sin, even if we are confident Christ will forgive us again? Can you share one way you have learned to resist temptation?
8. What sin do you need to leave not because God hates you for sinning in that way but because it's killing you and he hates that?
9. As we are commanded to flee from our own sin, we are also challenged to avoid our human tendency to want to convict others of their sin. Imitating the life of Jesus, is there someone who has fallen who needs your help or encouragement this week?

Praying Together

As you close in prayer, let's give thanks to God for the gift of grace and righteousness through the person and life of Jesus Christ. Pray that in our week ahead, we can be bold in fleeing from sin and move toward the throne of grace.