

Sermon Notes
February 19, 2023
“Sin, Forgiveness, and Judgment”
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1. Textual Criticism

2. The Pharisees are attempting to produce **evidence against** Jesus. (Ex. 20:14, 1 Tim. 8:10, Lev. 20:10, Deut. 17:7)

3. When dealing with other’s sin, we must be just as willing to deal with **our own**. (1 Cor. 11:28-29, Psalm 26:2, Lam. 3:40-42)

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New Testament · AD 50-100 · earliest AD 130 · 23,769 known copies

⁵³ [[They went each to his own house, ¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

⁷ And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”]]

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Exodus 20:14

“You shall not commit adultery.”

1 Timothy 1:8-10

⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,

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Leviticus 20:10

“If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.”

Deuteronomy 17:7

“7 The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. ”

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1 Corinthians 11:28-29

“²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

Psalm 26:2

“2 Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.”

Lamentations 3:40-42

⁴⁰ Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the Lord!

⁴¹ Let us lift up our hearts and hands
to God in heaven:

⁴² “We have transgressed and rebelled,
and you have not forgiven.”