

The GOSPEL of Jesus

JOHN 7:53-8:11

Intro –

John 7:53 They went each to his own house, 8:1 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.”

BI: The GOSPEL of Jesus is about transformation, not affirmation.

- I. **We’re gonna talk about** The false “gospel” of affirmation and how this does not actually fix problems for the individual or culture writ large.
- II. **We are also going to talk about** The effects of Christians playing the role of moral police both within the church and outside of the church.
- III. **And finally, we are going to look at** Jesus’ perspective of sin, the OT, and how to help a sinner heal by being transformed. As we walk through this passage, we will learn the core essentials of the GOSPEL and look at other passages, which fill the blanks to give us a holistic view of the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ. To the degree that we understand the GOSPEL of Jesus, is the degree to which we will walk in victory, joy, celebration, with increased love, peace, and fellowship, as our worship will be a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

Application In Community



Welcome to Grace: We, in our culture, often think of forgiveness as simply covering up sin as if it is no big deal. But when this happens the world cries out, “Those Christians are hypocrites.” It is sad when this happens, but this is often the result of a lack of understanding of the GOSPEL of Jesus from those inside and outside of the Church. The GOSPEL is all about forgiveness, not by dismissing sin, but by dealing with sin to transform your heart, soul, mind, and body, so that we can live a GOSPEL life of victory, joy, and peace.

Today’s passage and the following small group questions are meant to help you work through i) how to deal with your own sin so you can live in freedom; ii) how to help others experience the same; and iii) how to do this in a community that GOD designed for the very purpose of delighting in the LORD as we live for the glory of GOD. This is the purpose of church; we are glad you have joined us.

Application Q’s: now let’s get started –

1. Is it the role of the Christian and the Church to be the moral police of culture? Should we just dismiss sin? Talk about it...
2. Read John 8:1-11 – First, did Jesus dismiss adultery as no big deal?
3. Second, did Jesus dismiss what the OT says about one who is caught in adultery? [Read the OT, Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22-24.]
4. Third, the word “condemn” in John 8:10-11 means to administer punishment (in this case stoning), but Jesus did not stone her. Rather, he withheld punishment and said what to her (see verse 11)? List three things this teaches us about the GOSPEL of Jesus?
5. Taking the above scripture and applying it to us, how should we: i) deal with our own sin; ii) deal with sin when we see it in others; and iii) deal with sin when it is brought to us? → according to the GOSPEL of Jesus.

Close in Prayer



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