



“INTIMACY FOR SINNERS” – John 8:1-11

- I. INTRODUCTION: THE BATTLE FOR BIBLICAL TRUTH (Jn. 8)
 - A. Thirsty _____ will be well watered by the springs of grace (7:37-38)
 - B. Anyone who seeks truth will know truth when he hears truth (7:17)
 - C. CAUTION: Judgments based on appearances can be fatal (7:24)
 - 1. They killed Christ
 - 2. They will kill true fellowship, as _____ saints are prone to jump to conclusions, as Jesus taught in Jn. 4 with the woman at the well
 - a. “What’s he doing talking with a woman?!”
 - b. “What’s He doing talking with a Samaritan woman?!”
 - D. Truth will set us _____ from unbiblical preconceived religious ideas (8:31-32)

- II. INSTRUCTION: JOHN 8:1-11
 - A. Jesus as the Light of the world is going to dispel the darkness of Pharisaical deceit (8:12)
 - B. Israel has been _____ by darkness of religious teachings, consequently...
 - 1. Ignoring John the Baptist’s warnings (1:14) as the forerunner of Christ
 - 2. Blinded to the divine presence of Christ in their midst (1:26)
 - 3. _____ state of the nation which allowed the desecration of God’s house (Ch. 2)
 - 4. Leaders like Nicodemus living in sin, needing to be born again from above (Ch.3)
 - 5. Jewish indifference to the lost Gentiles and Samaritans (Ch. 4)
 - 6. No _____ as a nation for spiritual truth, i.e. the Bread of Life (Ch .6)
 - 7. Trying to arrest Christ (Ch. 7) as they ignore convictions regarding sin
 - 8. Israel pictured as a woman caught in adultery (spiritual) (Ch. 8)



- C. So Jesus heads to the Mount of Olives (v1), as a pilgrim with no home (7:53)
1. The warfare is intensifying, so He withdraws to seek God in prayer (_____)
 2. In Ch. 4 we saw Him wearied by the journey, as ministry is exhausting
- D. Then Jesus comes to the temple to bring light to His people (v2)
1. _____ your day seeking God (Prov. 8:17)
 2. The people seem to be seeking Him (Mt. 6:33)
 3. Jesus sits with the people in humility and meekness to teach them from His _____
 4. The Pharisees continue their conspiracy of deceit to entrap Him, seeing they failed to arrest Him the day before (7:45-46)
 - a. By bringing a woman caught in the very act of adultery
 - b. How did they catch her?
 - c. Where's the man?
 - d. What's their real motive? Why did they not handle this privately and discreetly?
 - e. They had _____ as "the roaring lion"...now they scheme as the "subtle serpent"
 - i. They use the law of Moses...indifferently as a weapon against Jesus
 - ii. But really are not heart-broken that they mock the Fulfiller of the law (Mt. 5:17)
 - iii. They exploit this woman thru vain ambitions to entrap Christ with their satanic cold-blooded agendas to discredit Him publicly as they rudely interrupt Him in the temple
 - f. The law demanded stoning (Deut. 22:22)
 - i. But _____ was now on the scene (Jn. 1:14; 3:17) as he came to seek and save the lost (Lk. 19:10)
 - ii. As Jesus is a Friend of sinners, they think they have him cornered
 - iii. REMEMBER...wicked men even use the scriptures for _____ agendas that mock the God who wrote those very truths!
 - iv. APPLICATION...when there is a beam of self righteousness in our eye, it is very hard to be compassionate in removing a tiny splinter from a fellow saint's eye, as love is crushed and crippled (Gal. 6:1-2; I Cor. 10:12)



- g. The PROBLEM...how can justice and mercy be harmonized?
 - i. Human wisdom _____ here every time
 - ii. BUT the Word of grace will provide answers honoring to God...
- h. _____ finds a way...(Jn. 14:6); Ps. 86:11
 - i. He stoops to write on the ground (8:6); cf. Exodus 31:18 (tablets of law)
 - ii. Scripture is its own interpreter, but they miss the lesson, as they interpret His silence as embarrassment, so they keep asking Him questions (v7)...
 - iii. Why was the law given?
 - (i) To prove us all _____ (Ro. 3:23)
 - (ii) To lead us all to Christ (Gal. 3:24), our Schoolmaster of faith, so we can be forgiven by grace thru faith (Eph. 2:8-9)
 - iv. SO...He confronts their brazen boldness... “cast a stone”...sinless ones!
 - (i) They as Jews are WITHOUT excuse (Ro. 2:1)
 - (ii) The Holy Lawgiver shines the glorious truth into their _____ eyes
 - 1. LOOK and live as Moses taught (Jn. 3:16-context)
 - 2. WHO were they to get in Christ’s face regarding the law His finger had written?
 - 3. Satan who loves to try to get in God’s face is _____ (Zech. 3:1-2)
 - v. THEN...He stoops again...(v8)
 - (i) Because historically the law was given twice (Ex. 40:20) and the second set of tablets were stored in the ark of the covenant which was a symbol of Christ, our personal ark of covenant, who protects us as the ark protected Noah and his righteous family
 - 1. Manna – Jesus our daily _____
 - 2. Rod that budded – Jesus our resurrection and life
 - vi. What is Jesus doing here? (v9)
 - (i) Awakening their consciences thru conviction
 - (ii) REMEMBER He’s in the temple
 - 1. Where the ARK of the covenant is



2. Where forgiveness is given thru the High Priest
 3. Where blood covers in atonement for ____ sins
 4. Where sinners who humbly come have an Intercessor
- (iii) The oldest leave first, as the “most sinful”, with the most sins to hide, and eventually all leave
1. They tried to use the ____ to entrap Christ...
 2. And He turns the law on them to crush their scheme, as they depart in SILENCE (Ro. 3:19), guilty before God!
 3. Shame thru conviction shuts their mouths...
 4. And moves them out the door into Satan’s world, where they are fully at home
 5. Foreshadowing of the Great White Throne, where Jesus will tell sinners to depart (Mt. 25:41) as Satan’s children and followers
 6. KEY QUESTION...if they indeed were convicted, why didn’t they repent and fall at His feet in brokenness?
 - a. Think of Judas...cf. Peter’s brokenness...
 - b. There’s a HUGE difference in being sorry you were caught, and in being sorry your sin offended a HOLY God and His Word!! (2 Cor. 7:10)
- vii. Conclusion...
- (i) No one condemns her... (v10)as the evil Pharisees leave (Mt. 12:37)
 1. There must be ___ witnesses to do so...all are gone
 2. Witnesses must stone her too (Deut. 17:7; 19:15)
 3. Thus the law is powerless to condemn her...
 - (ii) She responds to Him as Lord!
 1. _____ (Lk. 9:23)...and consequent salvation (Gen. 50:20)
 2. That’s why He doesn’t condemn her (Ro. 8:1)
 3. A transaction has occurred here (2 Cor. 5:21)



4. That's why He says "sin no more" ...
 - a. Grace has stepped in ... "neither do I condemn thee" ... (Jn. 1:17)
 - b. _____ steps in ... "sin no more"
 - i. Divine forgiveness and empowerment (2 Peter 1:3-4)
 - ii. Divine enablement (Ro. 5:5; 2 Cor. 5:14)
 - iii. Divine _____ will guide her path (8:12; Ps. 18:28)...as a soul saved by grace through faith in her personal Lord
- (iii) The true adultery, God's wife Israel as a whore, pictured thru the Pharisees, walked out the door condemned by her lack of repentance when caught in clear sin