

The Woman Caught in Adultery (7:53—8:11)

The scribes and Pharisees fail to trap Jesus by requesting a hasty judgment against a woman caught in the act of adultery. Jesus reveals the hypocrisy of His detractors and calls them to self-examination, even as He calls the sinful woman to consider her error. The Lord's greatest desire is to deliver us from sin through repentance and faith, rather than condemn us for our sins. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, even the worst of us, by His sacrifice on the cross.

No Pre-Class Questions

Paraphrase

Summary

Prayer

Outline of Chapter Eight

II. The Word Manifested to the Jews and their rejection of Him, 1:19—12:50

D. Public Ministry, Third Year

2. Later Judean Ministry, 7:1—10:21, The Feast of Tabernacles

a. The Light of the World, 8:12-20

b. Fatal Unbelief, 8:21-30

c. Truth brings Freedom, 8:31-36

d. Abraham's Children, 8:37-40

e. Satan's Children, 8:41-47

f. Christ Defamed, 8:48-59

In-Class Questions

1. Why does the church tend to overlook the sins of hypocrisy, legalism, gossip, and pride, but judge sins like drunkenness, immorality, homosexuality, etc.?
2. What can we learn about witnessing from Jesus' pattern of giving the Law to the self-righteous, but offering grace to sinners?
3. An unbeliever asks you, "Why can't God just forgive sins? Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?" Your answer?
4. Why does a true understanding of God's grace never lead to licentious living? Can we emphasize His grace too much?