Caught, Condemned, and Cleared

Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John

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## JOHN 7:53-8:12

**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.”]]

**12**Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

1. **Some come to Jesus to learn from Him (v.53-2)**
* Matthew 7:28- And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
1. **Some come to Jesus to conspire against Him (v. 3-6)**
* **13**“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. **14**And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. **15**Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! **16**Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” **17**But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.**18**Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.
1. Some who hear Jesus get convicted by their hypocrisy (v. 7-9)
2. Some who hear Jesus receive grace, not condemnation (v. 10-11)
3. Whoever follows Jesus will no longer walk in darkness (v. 12)

Matthew 7:1-5

“Judge not, that you be not judged. **2**For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. **3**Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? **4**Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? **5**You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to [help] take the speck out of your brother's eye.