

Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

***The Feet of Jesus – Where Condemnation
Ends and Grace Begins***

John 8:1-12

1. *They all dropped their stones. Why?*

A. *V3, v9. Very center. **Her shaming incident.***

- *(Do you have a place in your past where shame lives?)*

B. *We all know what sin is.*

- *V7. “He **who is without sin** among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her... **they began to go out one by one**, beginning with the older ones,”*
- *Prov 20:9 “**Who can say**, “I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from sin”?*

C. *V 6, v8. “**Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground**”?*

- *What does Jesus’ actions allow to happen?*



2. Is it *fair* that the woman *escaped* judgment?. How can that be just?

A. “Caught.”

- She does not deny it. Ex 20:14, Matt 5:27-28.

B. The law requires justice (“*stones to be thrown*”). Lev 20:10, Deut 22:23-24, Rom 6:23, Gen 2:17

C. Is she treated differently than the Pharisees?

- Why are they not offered the same word of mercy and grace that the woman was offered?
- Do they want what Jesus is “selling”?

D. How can it be just (or fair) for her to escape without even condemnation?



The woman's sin **does not go unpunished**. Who is the one who receives the punishment – the woman or Jesus?

A. Jesus **knows what she will do “tomorrow.”** Luke 22:31-34

B. He absorbed her stones on the cross.

- Isa. 53:5-6 But He was pierced through **for our** transgressions, He was crushed **for our** iniquities; The chastening **for our** well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging **we are healed**.⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has **turned to his own way**; But the **LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him**. 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Cor 15:3
- to the one who surrenders their life to Jesus, turns from their sin, and believes, the gift of forgiveness is theirs.



Someone is missing. Where is the man?

- A. Overpower or outrun the stone-throwers?*
- B. Did he really escape?*
 - 1. His door of judgment.*
 - 2. His guilt. Gal 6:7*
 - 3. His secret.*
 - 4. Becomes his own captive.*
- C. How sad – the man missed His opportunity.*
 - At the feet of Jesus, condemnation ends and grace begins.*



3. *What must the woman do to receive what Jesus offers her?*

- *Jn. 3:17-18 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world **might be saved through Him**.¹⁸ "He **who believes** in Him is **not judged**;*
- *Jn. 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who **hears My word**, and **believes** Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and **does not come into judgment**, but has passed out of death into life.*
- *Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been **saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is **the gift of God**;⁹ not as a result of works, that no one may boast.*
- *It's almost too simple – she must **believe** in the **work of Jesus** on the cross for her sins, and surrender her life and will to follow Jesus.*



4. *Is it possible that the woman will continue to experience shame even though she believes that Jesus has freed her of her sin?*

A. *Sin and condemnation are **two sides of one coin**.*

- ***Shame, guilt, and fear** are the “**children**” of sin, and condemnation is the **voice** of the children of sin.*
- *Together, they form a “**trinity of evil**.”*
- *We can even carry the shame of family members.*
- *What if she later sees someone from the crowd*

B. *The “trinity of evil” **must go with the sin for us** to experience emotional healing.*

- ***Replace their voices with His truth!***
- *Isaiah 53:5 ... and by his scourging, **we are healed**.*
- *Rom 8:1. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*



Are your thoughts of condemnation like the sound of misbehaving children in a classroom?



- *Call to Action:*
 - A. *What keeps you from believing that what Jesus offers – salvation, escape from condemnation, is freely offered and available to you today?*
 - *You receive it by surrendering it all to Jesus, repenting of you sin, including your damaging thoughts, and inviting the Holy Spirit into your heart.*
 - *The feet of Jesus is where condemnation ends, and grace begins.*



- *Who was “John”?*
 - A. *Apostle John –*
 - *one of the 12 disciples of Jesus (not John the Baptist).*
 - *Refers to himself as the “disciple whom Jesus loved”*
 - B. *Fisherman by trade –*
 - *partner with his brother, James, his father, Zebedee, and Peter. (Mark 1:19-20),*
 - C. *Author of --*
 1. *“gospel” of John.*
 2. *1, 2nd, 3rd John*
 3. *Revelation*

