

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 8: Pride's Toll on Faith



Scripture

- **John 7:37-38, 42, 46-49; 8:1-7**

³⁷Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, "This certainly is the Prophet." Others were saying, "This is the Christ." Still others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?"

Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was? So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him. The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks." The Pharisees then answered them, "You have not also been led astray, have you? No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he? But this crowd which does not know the Law is accursed." But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center of the court, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?" They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground. But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her. Who condemns you? She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more."

Other Scriptures

- John 14:6
- John 15:18-19
- Matthew 1:1-16
- Matthew 2:1
- Matthew 1:1-16
- I Corinthians 8:1

- Genesis 2:16-17
- Matthew 21:42
- John 8:11
- Hebrews 10:26-27

Main Points

- Are you bold, loud, and clear in your witness for Jesus?
- If there's anyone soft enough for you to share your deepest pain with, it is Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. What feast is this chapter referring too and what message did Jesus communicate to the people? Describe the scene.
2. How did the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus? Describe what Jesus did and said? What do you think Jesus wrote in the dirt? What was the reaction of the accusers?
3. Did the woman go away condemned or forgiven? What did Jesus' reaction tell us about His heart toward us and our sin?
4. How do the fear of God and the love of God work together? Are they opposites?
5. Have you ever been in a position to be judged for sin? Have you experienced forgiveness? Describe what the Bible tells us about the path to forgiveness.