

The Lamb

The Greatest of All Time – Part 3 of 4

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John 8:1-11 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." ESV

Jesus' response to the adulterous woman teaches us that...

- Self-Righteousness keeps people at a distance.

John 8:7 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." ESV

- Holiness is the standard for casting judgment.

John 8:8-9 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. ESV

- Holiness blended with love is the right response.

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How can Christ Followers blend holiness and love?

- Remember that we are sinners saved by grace.

Ephesians 2:8–9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ESV

- Guard our hearts from harmful ideas.

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. NIV1984

- We love sacrificially.

Ephesians 5:1–2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ESV

“Agape” (love) - Acts in the best interest of someone before God

- We refuse to add on to holiness with opinions.

Romans 14:1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ESV

My Next Step Today is to...


