

SERMON OUTLINE John 7:53-8:11

The Unparalleled Love of Jesus

INTRODUCTION TO TEXTUAL CRITICISM

THE TRICKERY OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES

They Only Brought the Woman (3)

They Brought the Woman to Jesus (3)

They Brought the Woman Before Jesus in Order to Trap Him (6)

They Left When Faced with the Consequences (9)

THE UNPARALLELED LOVE OF JESUS

Wisdom

Courage

Mercy

Grace

THE SALVATION OF THE WOMAN

She Had Sinned

Jesus Offered Forgiveness by Grace Alone, through Faith Alone

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

This passage does describe the trickery of the scribes and Pharisees and paints a picture of salvation in the woman. Above all, though, it's about Jesus' unmatched wisdom, courage, mercy, and grace. Combined, these things marked His love expressed in unparalleled ways.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Before Sunday's sermon, did you know that there are parts of the Bible that might not be original? How does this realization make you feel? Does it impact your trust in the Bible at all?
3. What do you make of the behavior of the scribes and Pharisees—their treatment of the woman and attempt to trick Jesus?
4. Which aspect of the trickery of the scribes and Pharisees seems most treacherous to you? Have you ever been on the giving or receiving end of anything like that?
5. Pastor Dave said this passage is like a living picture of John 3:16-18. Is that easy for you to see?
6. Which aspect of Jesus' love seems most loving to you (wisdom, courage, mercy, grace)? Which do you most feel the need for right now? Which is hardest for you to express yourself?
7. Does it seem to you like the passage describes the salvation of the woman? Does it make a difference if she was saved or simply offered salvation by Jesus?
8. How would you explain/defend the biblical concept of sin and its consequences to a skeptic?
9. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Spend some time this week studying and considering why many believe John 7:53-8:11 shouldn't be in John's Gospel.
11. Spend some prayerful time considering the Bible's description of God's love. What is it? Who is it for? How do we get it? How is it different from other understandings of love? What are the key passages in the Bible that define it for us? Then find one specific way to love like that.
12. Pray for and share the good news of Jesus with one non-Christian this week.
13. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and 2) How you can pray for them.
14. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

15. Adoration. Praise God for being love. Praise God for being omniscient. Praise God for being fearless. Praise God for being perfect. Praise God for being righteous. Praise God for being merciful and gracious. Praise God for being patient.
16. Confess. Confess any areas in which, or people for which, you lack love. Confess any scribe-and-Pharisee-like trickery in your life. Confess any ways you're struggling to trust Jesus. Confess
17. Thanksgiving. Thank God for offering salvation to the world. Thank God for the gift of faith. Thank God for specific areas of mercy He's shown you. Thank God for your forgiveness. Thank God for the Church Universal and the handed-down wisdom and example of the saints of old.
18. Supplication. Ask God to make us an ever-increasingly loving people. Ask God to drive all trickery and hypocrisy out from us. Ask God to grant saving faith to three specific people. Ask God to make us a church that always seeks to live in light of the things we learn from the Bible.